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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you about changes to GCSE grading's.

New GCSE – Grade Conversion

For Maths, English Language and English Literature, as you may already be aware, students in Year 11 will be graded using the new numerical system 9 to 1 (with 9 being the highest grade and 1 being the lowest, 0 for ungraded/fail).

There has been some guidance about the link between old letter grades and new numerical grades (see Ofqual document) but they don't match as simply as a number directly replacing a grade (9 numbers replace 8 grades!).

As an easy reckoner we have looked at what this means by way of a simple conversion table. In old grade terms B+ would represent a strong B, B represents a mid-grade B and B- represents a lower end grade B

New Numerical Grade	Current GCSE Grade
9	A*+/A*
8	A*- / A+
7	A/A-
6	B+/B
5	B-/C+
4	C/C-
3	D
2	E
1	F/G
0	U

New National Benchmark →



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Phase 2 courses start for year 10 in Sept 16. The following subjects will be graded on the new system;

- art and design
- biology
- chemistry
- computer science
- dance
- double science
- drama
- food preparation and nutrition
- geography
- history
- modern foreign languages
- music
- physical education
- physics
- religious studies

The final phase will be introduced next year.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Welsh