

## The new numbered grading system - A Guide for Parents

From September 2015 for years 10 and below, the national system for assessing students' progress and awarding final grades has changed.

Current Year 9 Students	Current Year 10 Students
All subjects will be numbered grades using the new 9-1 system.	English and Maths will be numbered grades (9-1 system) while all other subjects remain A*-G grade.

Once subjects move to numbered grading we will no longer refer to National Curriculum levels or A\*-G grades, but rather we will refer to grades 9-1.

In the final GCSE examinations from 2017, **grades will be awarded proportionally**, with a specific percentage of students being awarded each grade; they are not based on particular criteria, like the current A\*-G grades.

The DFE have issued the following basic information about the new grades and how they will be allocated:

- Broadly the same number of students will achieve grades 4 and above as currently achieve grade C and above.
- Grade 5 will broadly encompass the top 1/3 of the marks for the current grade C and the bottom 1/3 of grade B - **Grade 5 is the new benchmark (the benchmark is now higher)**
- The bottom of grade 1 will align with the current grade G.
- The top 20% of those who achieve grade 7+ will achieve a 9 for each examination.

Numbered Grades and their approximate equivalency		
1-3	Approximately equivalent to grades	<b>G-E</b>
3-4	Approximately equivalent to grades	<b>E-D</b>
5	Approximately equivalent to grade	<b>C</b>
5-6	Approximately equivalent to grades	<b>C-B</b>
7-8	Approximately equivalent to grades	<b>A-A*</b>
8 & 9	Approximately equivalent to grades	<b>A*-A**</b>