

Grading Information for Parents and Students

ATL: Attitude Towards Learning	ATH: Attitude Towards Home Learning	Attendance Expectations
A: Excellent effort and attitude B: Good effort and attitude C: Standard effort and attitude D: Poor / inconsistent effort and attitude	A: Excellent effort and punctual B: Good standard and punctual C: Standard effort, mostly punctual D: Poor effort and not punctual If blank, ATH is not collected in this subject	100% : Excellent 95% + : Good 90-95% : Improvement required Under 90%: Cause for concern

Target Grades

Student's target grades are set based on prior attainment at primary school. They are reviewed annually and may be increased if a student is consistently performing above their target grade in assessments:

- 'Target Grade' shows the minimum target for a student to achieve at the end of Year 11 (9-1)
- 'GCSE Science Target Grade' is a double grade, as this GCSE is worth two grades
- 'Vocational Target Grade' uses a different grading system, Level 2 Pass = GCSE Grade 4

Year 7, 8 and 9: AOW


Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 are graded using an **AOW** system:

- **Above:** student is working above expectations so may exceed their target grade at the end of Year 11.
- **On:** student is meeting expectations so is on track to meet their end of Year 11 target.
- **Working Towards:** student is currently working below expectations so is not yet on track to meet their end of Year 11 target.

Year 10 and 11: Grades

Students in upper school are given grades based on the qualification they are studying:

- **GCSE Subjects:** graded as 9-1 (see chart).
- **Vocational Subjects:** graded from Distinction Plus to U.
- **Fine Grades e.g. 4a, 4b, 4c** a = top of the grade, b = middle of the grade, c = lower end of the grade



New GCSE grading structure

New grading structure	Current grading structure Old Grading Structure	
9		
8	A*	
7	A	
6	GOOD PASS (DfE) 5 and above – top of C and above	B
5		C
4	AWARDING 4 and above – bottom of C and above	
3		D
2	E	
1	F	
	G	
U	U	

Vocational Qualifications

The following subjects are Vocational qualifications and therefore use a different grading system. All qualifications are equivalent to GCSE subjects, as shown below.

- Performing Arts: Dance, Drama and Music
- Interactive Media
- BTEC Sport
- Travel and Tourism, Hair and Beauty, Health and Social Care, Child Development and Home Cooking

Grade		Grade Key	Equivalent GCSE Grade	
Level 2	Distinction Plus	L2D*	8.5	A-A*
	Distinction	L2D	7	A
	Merit	L2M	5.5	C-B
	Pass	L2P	4	C
Level 1	Distinction	L1D	3	D
	Merit	L1M	2	E-F
	Pass	L1P	1.25	F-G
	Fail / Ungraded	U	0	U

For more information, we encourage parents to email their child's tutor or class teachers.