

## Grading the new GCSEs in 2017

This applies to new GCSEs in **English Language, English Literature and Maths** taught in schools in England with students receiving their results in August 2017.



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New grading structure	Current grading structure
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8	A*
7	A
6	B
5 <b>STRONG PASS</b>	
4 <b>STANDARD PASS</b>	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

The new grade scale will not be directly equivalent to the old one, and in this first year the following points can be made:

- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as achieved a grade C and above
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieved an A and above
- for each exam, the top 20 per cent of those who get grade 7 or above will get a grade 9 - the very highest performers
- the bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G

Currently, the Government has indicated that the new **GCSE grade 4 will be classed as a 'standard' pass** and that the new **GCSE grade 5 will be classed as a 'strong' pass**. Students who obtain a GCSE grade 4 English and Maths at school will not be required to re-sit the subject after they progress into Further Education.