

Hylands School

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NEW ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR 2016-2017 FOR YEAR 7, 8 AND 9

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

You will have recently received your child's Winter Term Progress report. The numbers you will have seen being awarded are no longer national curriculum levels and sub-levels, as in the past, but a new internal grading system. These reporting systems have been adapted due to a number of reasons which are affecting all schools.

- National curriculum levels have been abolished by the government
- As of September 2016 nearly all GCSEs will be assessed using the 1-9 grading scale. By the time your child sits their GCSEs this will be the case in all subjects.
- We view students as starting a 5 year GCSE journey in Y7 and think it logical to assess them using the GCSE scale to track and monitor progress towards their final grades

How does the new GCSE scale work?

New 1 -9 GCSE scale	Old A* – G GCSE scale
9	A**
8	A*
7	A
6	Mid/high B
5	High C low B
4	Low/ mid C
3	Mid/ high D
2	Low D and E
1	F and G

Grade 9 is a new grade and is awarded to the top 20% of students who would previously have been awarded an A*.

Grade 5 replaces the C grade as a good pass for students. Students who do not achieve this grade will be required to resit English and Maths post 16.


New Internal Grade system

Please see below the new grading system and how it relates to the old Nation Curriculum levels, the A* – G GCSE scale and the new 1-9 GCSE scale. These have also been divided into sub levels: + being secure in that level and – being just in that level.

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Previous National Curriculum Levels	Our New Internal Grading	Current A* - G Grading	New 1-9 GCSE Grading
	9+	A*	9
	9		
	9-		
	8+	A*	8
	8	A*	
	8-	A*/A	
	7+	A	7
	7	A	
	7-	A	
	6+	B	6
	6	B	
	6-	B	
	5+	B	5
	5	B	
	5-	B/C	
8a	4+	C	4
8b	4	C	
8c	4-	C	
7a	3+	D	3
7b	3	D	
7c	3-	D	
6a	2+	E	2
6b	2	E/F	
6c	2-	E/F	
5a	1+	F/G	1
5b	1	F/G	
5c	1-	G	
	0	U	0
4a	D3+		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Students who are not working at a grade 1 in 7, 8 or later years will be awarded “working towards” or “development” grades. These are based on the old National Curriculum levels for KS3.</p> </div>
4b	D3		
4c	D3-		
3a	D2+		
3b	D2		
3c	D2		
2a	D1+		
2b	D1		
2c	D1-		
1a	W1+		
1b	W1		
1c	W1		
W	W		