



The Barlow RC High School
& Specialist Science College

New GCSE Grading Structure

Reformed GCSEs will be introduced gradually over three years from September 2015. Examination Results will be graded from 9 – 1, instead of A* - G.

Students awarded GCSEs in 2017 and 2018 will therefore receive a mixture of 9 – 1 and A* - G grades – Current Year 10 and Year 9.

Students will not be penalised as a result of the changes. A statistical method will be used by examination boards (known as comparable outcomes) so that:

- broadly the same proportion of students will receive a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C or above;
- broadly the same proportion of students will receive a grade 7 and above as currently achieve a grade A or above;
- the bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G;
- a grade 5 will awarded to the top third of students gaining the equivalent of a grade C or bottom third of a grade B. The Department of Education has decided that a grade 5 will be a 'good pass', it was previously a "C" grade.

In addition the top 20% of those who get a grade 7 or above in each exam, will be awarded a grade 9.



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| New GCSE Grades | Current GCSE Grades |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 9 | |
| | A* |
| 8 | |
| 7 | A |
| 6 | |
| | B |
| 5 | |
| | C |
| 4 | |
| | D |
| 3 | |
| | E |
| 2 | |
| | F |
| 1 | |
| | G |
| U | U |

GOOD PASS (DFE)
5 AND ABOVE = TOP C AND ABOVE

Awarding
4 AND ABOVE = BOTTOM OF C OR ABOVE