

Assessment Framework

Our Assessment Framework was introduced in September 2016, and is summarised by the following points:

- There is a 10 grade scale based on the new GCSE number grades. This scale will extend from the highest grade 9 to grade 1 (as the new GCSE grades). There will be also a grade S (for Start) at a level below grade 1.
- Each grade is divided into sub-grades, for example grade 6 will be split into 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, with 6a being the highest.
- Students' starting points on entry to year 7 are determined using information from their primary school assessments.
- Assessment Frameworks for each subject have been carefully written by subject leaders, and are published on our website. These summarise the key knowledge and/or skills needed to achieve each of the grades.
- The approximate equivalence between old and new GCSE grades is shown in the table:

Old		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
New	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

- Progress in non-GCSE subjects such as BTECs will be judged against Assessment Frameworks written to match the appropriate range of outcomes