

# Parents' guide to GCSE 9 to 1 grades



*“The day may come when universities start looking at the grade 9 and you would be disadvantaged if you haven't taken the exam that at least allows you access to the grade that is higher than the A\*.”*

Barnaby Lenon, Chairman  
of the Independent Schools Council,  
speaking to the Times.

**International GCSEs from OxfordAQA are graded 9 to 1, where 9 is the highest grade. 9 to 1 is an updated, improved grading system, replacing the old A\* to G grades.**

Students who take GCSEs with 9 to 1 grades can:

- Achieve an ‘outstanding’ grade 9 – higher than A\* and only awarded to students at the very top of the ability range.
- Use grade 9 to differentiate themselves from students with A\* in university applications.
- Receive a ‘strong pass’ – grade 5, the benchmark for GCSEs, above the old grade C.
- Receive results that are directly comparable with the grades students receive in England.



## INTERNATIONAL GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE

<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>U</b>
A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	U

## FORMER GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE

Find out more at [oxfordaqa.com/news/9-1-grading](https://oxfordaqa.com/news/9-1-grading)

**Any questions?** Talk to your child's school or email us at [info@oxfordaqa.com](mailto:info@oxfordaqa.com)

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