

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

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

FORMER GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE

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