

Understanding the Data Track System – Key Stage 4

Example Report

| Subject | Target Grade | Current Working Grade | Estimated Grade |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| English | 6 | 5A | 6B |
| Mathematics | 5 | 4C | 5B |
| Science | 7 | 5A | 8C |
| Sport Studies | D* | D2 | D*3 |

Target Grade

Targets are based on prior attainment and are prescribed from KS2 attainment. These are set one level above expected progress to ensure all students hit their target by the end of Year 11.

Estimated and Current Working Grades

Estimated grades are a professional judgement based on assessment information and attitude to learning of what students will achieve by the end of year 11. Estimated grades can go up and down over the two years.

Current working grades are where students are tracking at this moment in time, this is an up-to-date grade.

GCSE Grades - Numbers

The Government introduced new courses for Key Stage 4 in most subjects over the last 2 years. They are now awarded in numbers. The system goes from 9 – 1. The conversion from letters to number can be seen below.

| NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | U | | |
| <div><div><div>4 = C</div><div>and above</div><div>and above</div></div><div><div>←</div><div>→</div></div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above.■ Broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as achieve an A and above.■ The bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G.</div> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A* | | | A | | B | C | D | E | F | G | U |

GCSE Grades - Letters

On the data track for these subjects you will see a letter next to the number. The letter represents the confidence that we have in the student achieving that level.

- A – Very secure and could possibly move up to the next level
- B – Secure in achieving this level
- C – Less secure and may drop to the level below

BTEC subjects

BTEC subjects are graded Distinction star to Level 1 Pass. A conversion of the BTEC to the GCSE grading system can be seen below. Please note that some BTEC grades sit between two GCSE grades.

| BTEC Level 2 | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| BTEC Grade | GCSE Grade Equivalent |
| Distinction* (D*) | 8.5 |
| Distinction (D) | 7 |
| Merit (M) | 5.5 |
| Pass (P) | 4 |

| BTEC Level 1 | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| BTEC Grade | GCSE Grade Equivalent |
| Distinction (D) | 3 |
| Merit (M) | 2 |
| Pass (P) | 1.25 |

BTEC Grades - Letters

On the data track for BTEC subjects you will see a number next to the letter. The number represents the confidence that we have in the student achieving that grade.

- 1 – Very secure and could possibly move up to the next level
- 2 – Secure in achieving this level
- 3 – Less secure and may drop to the level below