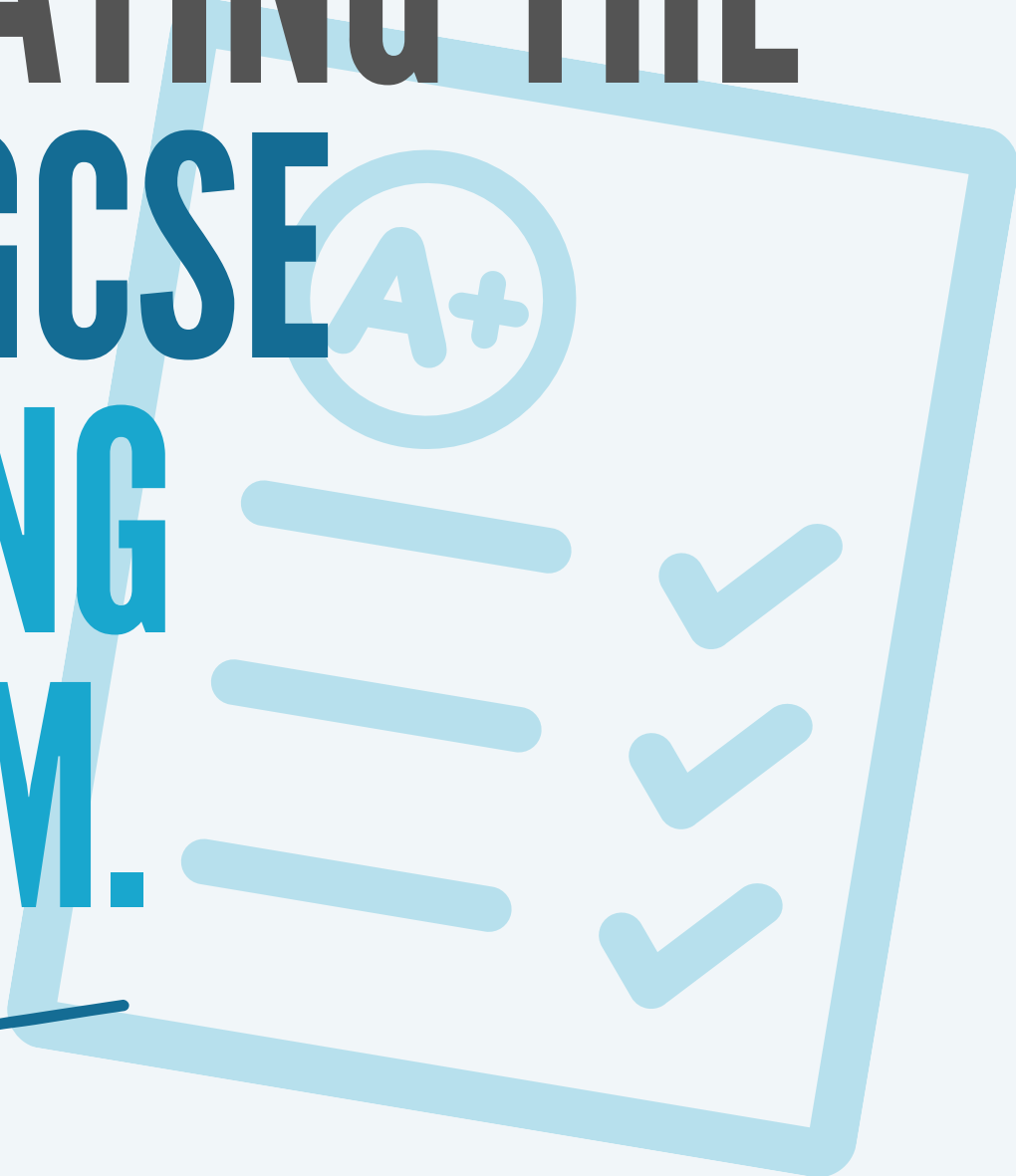




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NAVIGATING THE 2025 GCSE GRADING REFORM.



WHAT STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND EDUCATORS NEED TO KNOW

The UK's education is set for a significant transformation with the upcoming overhaul of the GCSE grading system. Starting from **2025/26** academic year, students will transition from the current **9–1 numerical grading** scale to a more intuitive **A++ to F letter based** system.



WHAT'S CHANGING?

The revised grading framework aims to simplify grade interpretation and align more closely with the international standards.

Swipe to see a snapshot of the new grading equivalencies.





Current
Grade

New
Grade

Description

9	A++	Exceptional Performance
8	A+	Excellent Achievement
7	A	Strong grasp of Subject
6	B+	Above average work
5	B	Good Standard
4	C	Basic Pass Level
3	D	Limited Understanding
2	E	Very Limited Performance
1	F	Minimal Understanding
U	U	Ungraded



WHY THE CHANGE?

Due to highlighted concerns over the complexity of 9–1 system and its impact on student stress levels, the new grading structure seeks to:

- ▶ **Reduce student anxiety by simplifying grade interpretation**
- ▶ **Enhance clarity for universities and employers in assessing student capabilities.**
- ▶ **Align UK qualifications more closely with international benchmarks.**





WHO WILL BE AFFECTED?

Students commencing their GCSE courses from **September 2025 (current Year 9 students and younger)** will be the first to experience the new grading system.

Those in **Years 10 & 11** will continue with the **existing 9–1 grading scale**.





PREPARING FOR THE TRANSITION

Educators are receiving training to adapt to the new grading criteria, and curriculum support materials are being developed to assist in this transition.

Ofqual, the UK's exam regulator, plans to launch public information campaigns to ensure all stakeholders are well-informed.





ACTION POINTS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

- ▶ Stay informed by attending school briefings and reviewing official communications.
- ▶ Engage with teachers to understand how these changes may affect subject choices and future academic planning.
- ▶ Monitor updates from exam boards and regulatory bodies for the latest information.





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