

Queen Elizabeth Studio School

New Grades for English and Maths

9 to 1 grades

This is the first cohort of pupils where all GCSE subjects will be graded 9 to 1.

The following subjects will be worth 1 GCSE and award with grades Distinction*, Distinction, Merit or Pass:

Conservation and Environment, Engineering, Performing Arts, BTEC Music, Fashion and Textiles, Health and Social Care, iMedia, Materials Technology and Sport Studies,

The only subjects which will have tiers will be Maths, Languages and Science. All other subjects will have only 1 paper for each unit.

The table below shows the relationship between the new 9 to 1 grades and the A* to G grades

	GCSE Foundation					GCSE Higher			
Current Grade	G	F/E	D	C	C/B	B	A	A*	A*+
New Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Vocational Grade				Pass (P)	Merit (M)	Distinction (D)	Distinction * (D*)		

New grades explained:

- Grade 9:** Top half of current grade A* pupils.
- Grade 8:** Bottom half of current grade A* pupils.
- Grade 7:** Equivalent to an A grade pass.
- Grade 6:** Covering the top two thirds of a grade B.
- Grade 5:** Covering the top third of a grade C and the lower third of a grade B. International benchmark.
- Grade 4:** The bottom two thirds of a grade C.
- Grade 3:** Equivalent to a grade D.
- Grade 2:** Equivalent to a grade E and F.
- Grade 1:** Equivalent to grade a G.

For QES purposes each grade will be split into 3 levels e.g. 3-, 3, 3+. These will be reported home during Year 10 and Year 11 as predicted and target grades.