GCSE Grading

Information Sheet for Summer 2019 Examinations

GCSE grades are changing. Current Year 9 students will be awarded grades 9 to 1 for their GCSE courses, rather than A*-G. Grade 9 is the best grade.

The diagram shows the link between old and new GCSE grades.

There are three linking points at the lower end of grade boundaries:

- New Grade 1 = old Grade G
- New Grade 4 = old Grade C
- New Grade 7 = old Grade A

So roughly the same national proportion of students who achieved Grade A or better in the past in a subject will achieve Grade 7 or better in 2019; the same is true for old C and new Grade 4, and old G and new Grade 1.

For 2019 students who gain at least a Grade 4 in English and Maths will not need to resit those courses in the Sixth Form. In future years this is likely to change to a Grade 5, as this will replace 'C' as the definition of a 'Good Pass'.

A Grade 9 is will only be achieved by about the top 20% of students who gain a Grade 7 or better in each subject nationally. This will therefore indicate outstanding performance.

What does this mean for Trinity students?

In some ways, not a lot! Students will continue to receive high quality teaching to help them best prepare for the new courses. We are confident we will retain our excellent record for ensuring our students make the very best progress possible.

The main difference is that to try to avoid confusion **we have changed our effort grades to A, B, C and D instead of 1, 2, 3 and 4**. The definition of what makes an A (or old 1) has not changed, and the average effort level shown on the front of the report remains as a number to allow you to compare with the average for the whole year group.

If you have any questions about the new grading system please contact me.

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Please note that grading for Childcare remains A-D, and for BTEC courses grades remain as Pass, Merit and Distinction.*