

Assessment in Year 10

GCSE Reforms

GCSEs are going through a reform which is increasing the demand of the subject material studied. Also, the grades are given on a scale of 9-1 rather than A*-G. This will allow for greater differentiation between grades.

For the current Year 10s, all subjects studied are new reformed GCSEs with the exception of statistics which still uses the alphabetical grading system (A* - G).

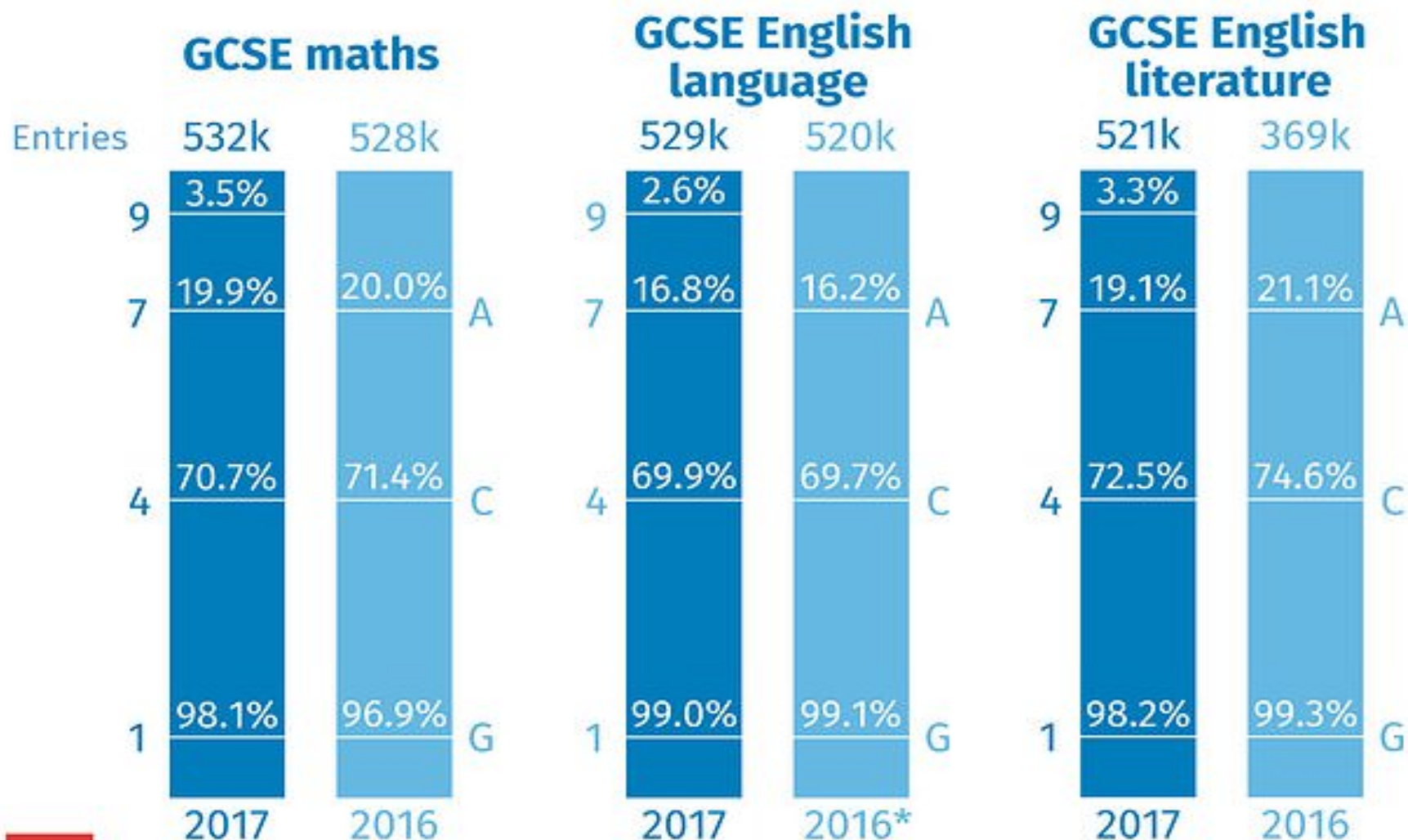
GCSE Reforms – Main changes

- Assessment will be mainly by exam, with other types of assessment used only where they are needed to test essential skills.
- There will be new, more demanding content, which has been developed by government and the exam boards.
- Courses will be designed for two years of study – they will no longer be divided into different modules and students will take all their exams in one period at the end of their course.
- Resit opportunities will only be available each November in English language and maths.

GCSE Reforms – Predicting Outcomes

NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE									
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
A*		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U

GCSE results: how the reformed subjects compare (England, 16-year-olds only)

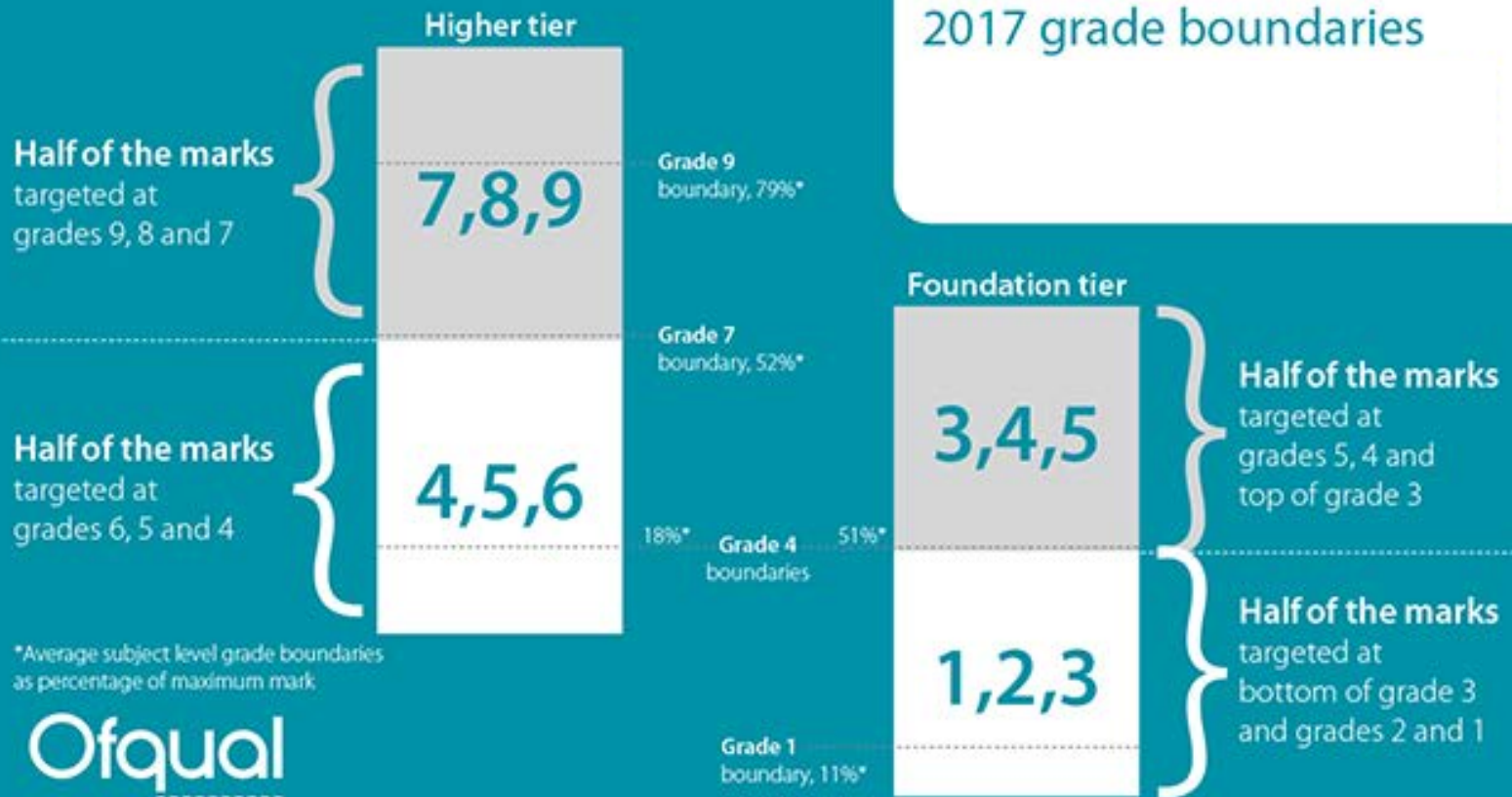


Source: Ofqual

* 2016 figure includes International GCSEs

Grade Boundaries for Reformed GCSEs

GCSE maths (9 to 1) mark allocations and 2017 grade boundaries



GCSE Reforms and Reporting Grades

Parents will receive reports with subjects measured on different scales.

Attainment grades and minimum target grades will be numerical with the exception of statistics.



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Attendance

Subject	Minimum Target Grade	Attainment Grade	Classroom Learning	Classroom Behaviour	Homework
Biology	8	7c	3	2	2
Chemistry	7	7b	3	3	3
English	8	7b	3	3	3
History	8	6c	3	3	3
Mathematics	7	-	3	3	2
PE and Games	-	-	2	3	-
Physics	7	8c	2	3	2
Philosophy/Religious Education	8	7c	3	3	3
Spanish	7	8b	3	3	3
Statistics	A	Aa	-	-	-
		Effort			
Independent Cultural Enrichment		2			

Fine grading of attainment grades

In KS4 and KS5 attainment grades are *fine graded*. This should give you further information to as to how well your child is performing in each subject.

Fine grade	Meaning	Example	Explanation
a	Confident	6a	Working confidently at a level to secure grade 6
b	Likely	6b	Likely to secure grade 6, but needs further work and intervention
c	Not secure	6c	Not yet secure enough: as likely to convert to grade 5 as to gain grade 6