

What does my results slip mean?

The first column shows the Awarding Body	Second column shows the level of qualification	Third column shows the specification or module code	This is the name of the award or unit	Fifth column shows the overall grade for an award	Sixth column shows the UMS total for an award, or the UMS and equivalent grade for a unit.	The last column shows the school performance table points for an award but students are unlikely to be very interested in this.
AQA	GCSE/FC	4668	German	A	263	52
AQA	GCSE/FC	4707	English Language	A*	275	58
AQA	GCSE/FC	9717	English Literature	A	166	52
EDEXL/GC	GCE/B	6677	Mechanics 1		50 d	
WJEC/GCS	GCSE/B	424102	Geography (B) Higher Tier		60 a*	
WJEC/GCS	GCSE/B	424202	Geography (B) Higher Tier		81 a*	

Results in UPPER CASE are final grades for whole qualifications like GCSEs or BTECs. The “Equiv” score shown on the same line shows the total UMS that you achieved in all the exams and assessments for that qualification. There’s more about this below.

Results in lower case are module results for individual exams or coursework controlled assessment tasks. The “Mark” score shown on the same line shows the UMS you achieved in that assessment.

New GCSEs: Parent guide to 2017 results



- 9 New GCSEs are graded from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade
- 8 The new grades signal that more challenging content has been studied
- 7 The new grades better differentiate between students' abilities
- 6 English and maths are graded 9 to 1 this year. All others are A* to G
- 5 Fewer grade 9s are being awarded than A*s
- 4 Students who do not achieve a grade 4 or above in English and maths will need to continue to study these subjects
- 3 Employers, universities and colleges have been told that grade 4 is the nearest equivalent to a grade C
- 2 Ofqual has ensured that this year's students have not been disadvantaged by being the first to take the new GCSEs
- 1 This table shows how the new 9 to 1 grades compare with A* to G

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	D
3	E
2	F
1	G
U	U

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Non GCSE qualifications

These can be compared to GCSEs using the following table:

GCSE	School Performance Table Points 2017	Cambridge National in ICT or Business BTEC Sport (Award) Each grade is equivalent to <u>1</u> GCSE at the grade shown.	Functional Skills Level 1 Each grade is equivalent to half a foundation tier GCSE	Functional Skills Level 2 Each grade is equivalent to half a higher tier GCSE
A*	8.5	*2 (Starred distinction, Level 2)		
A	7	D2 (Distinction, Level 2)		
B	5.5	M2 (Merit, Level 2)		P (Pass)
C	4	P2 (Pass, Level 2)		
D	3	D1 (Distinction, Level 1)		
E	2	M1 (Merit, Level 1)		
F	1.5	P1 (Pass, Level 1)	P (Pass)	
G	1			
U	0	U	U	U

How close am I to the next grade up?

We have produced a special statement of results that shows your marks for English and maths GCSEs – it is in your results envelope.

For other subjects you can use the UMS total (column 6 on the results print out – as shown overleaf) and refer to the exam board websites. If you need help, please ask Mr Haigh or Mrs Cotton.

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/results-days/grade-boundaries-and-ums>

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/ocr-for/exams-officers/stage-4-results/results-statistics/>

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/results-certification/grade-boundaries.html>

FSMQ (OCR Advanced Level Free-Standing Mathematics Qualification: Additional Mathematics)

These are equivalent to two-thirds of a GCSE.

FSMQ Grade	Performance Points	Accounting for the smaller size of this qualification it would be equivalent to the following points if "full sized":	GCSE equivalence:
A	5.13	7.7	A* / A
B	4	6.0	A / B
C	3.25	4.9	B / C
D	2.5	3.7	C / D
E	1.88	2.8	D / E

What is UMS?

The following information is taken from the AQA website: search the web for "UMS" and the name of an exam board to find out more: the AQA site has some really helpful tools and notes

"The Uniform Mark Scale (UMS) is a way of turning the raw marks achieved in a unit in a particular sitting into a mark that can be used to compare with those achieved in other series.

The UMS balances out differences between exams and is a way of making sure people get the correct grade, no matter when they took a particular unit. UMS marks from all the units are then added together to give you an overall mark for your qualification.

Let's say, for example, that Chris takes an exam for a particular unit in January while Ali takes that unit in June. Because the exam questions will be different between the January and June sittings, it is possible that one exam might be slightly more difficult than the other.

If both students got a raw mark of 42/50 on their exams, but the June exam was more difficult than the January sitting, then their marks wouldn't represent the same level of achievement. The UMS mark would reflect this.

The UMS grade boundaries for GCSE are fixed as follows:

A* = 90% of the max UMS

C = 60%

F = 30%

A = 80%

D = 50%

G = 20%

B = 70%

E = 40%"

The maximum UMS is different for different subjects and exam boards. The quickest way to find out is to do a web search for "UMS" and the Board and Element Code from your results slip for the subject you want to know about.

Any urgent queries should be addressed to Mr Haigh or Mrs Cotton on results day. You can contact us through the following email addresses or through the school switchboard as well, but please try to use the exam board websites to find the answers to your questions first if possible.

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The form for post-results services (review of marking, copies of scripts etc.) is in your results envelope and can also be found at www.wilmslowhigh.com/examinations/