

KS4 Grading Guidance

GCSE Numerical Grade	GCSE Vocational Grade	Description
9		Achieved by the very top-performing students, indicating exceptional performance
8	L2 Distinction*	Represents a very high level of achievement
7	L2 Distinction	Indicates a strong performance
6	L2 Merit	Reflects a good level of understanding and competence
5		A 'strong pass', indicating a solid understanding of the subject
4	L2 Pass	A 'standard pass', demonstrating a satisfactory understanding of the subject
3	L1 Distinction	Indicates a basic level of understanding
2	L1 Merit	Shows some understanding of the subject content
1	L1 Pass	Shows a limited understanding of the subject content
U	Ungraded	Awarded when a student has not met the standard required for a grade