



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Understanding the new grades!

Your child may take several different types of qualification whilst studying at The Whitstable School, including GCSEs, BTECs, RSLs... some of which have recently been rebranded such as GCSEs which are now numbered from Grade 1 up to Grade 9 instead of Grade G up to Grade A*.

We hope this this conversion chart helps to make sense of all of these different grades and how they are equivalent to each other.

New GCSE	BTEC First Award	BTEC Tech Award	RSL Certificate	Old GCSE
Grade 9	Level 2 Distinction* (8.5)	Level 2 Distinction* (8.5)		-
Grade 8			Level 2 Distinction (7.75)	Grade A* (8.5)
Grade 7	Level 2 Distinction (7)	Level 2 Distinction (7)		Grade A (7)
Grade 6			Level 2 Merit (6.25)	Grade B (5.5)
Grade 5	Level 2 Merit (5.5)	Level 2 Merit (5.5)		
Grade 4	Level 2 Pass (4)	Level 2 Pass (4)	Level 2 Pass (4)	Grade C (4)
Grade 3		Level 1 Distinction (3)	Level 1 Distinction (3)	Grade D (3)
Grade 2	Level 1 Pass (1.75)	Level 1 Merit (2)	Level 1 Merit (2)	Grade E (2)
Grade 1		Level 1 Pass (1.25)	Level 1 Pass (1.25)	Grade F (1)
Grade U				

(The exact equivalencies for each qualification to the new GCSE scale are shown in brackets)

To complicate matters slightly more, GCSE Science is a double award qualification ranging from 11 to 99. A grade 55 is the equivalent of getting two 5 grades, whilst a grade 43 is the equivalent of getting a grade 4 and a grade 3.

In addition to this, we sometimes use decimals to show how secure a grade is.

- .8 represents a very secure grade, which is nearly the next grade up.
- .5 represents a secure grade.
- .3 represents a grade that is starting to become secure.
- .0 is not yet secure.

So a Grade 3.8 would represent a very secure grade 3, which is nearly a grade 4.

A full list of the qualifications currently offered in Key Stage 4 at The Whitstable School is overleaf.



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Qualification Type	Subjects
GCSE Single Award	Citizenship, English Language, English Literature, Fine Art, Food Preparation and Nutrition, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Photography, Spanish, Statistics, Technology and Textiles.
GCSE Double Award	Science
BTEC First Award	Sport
BTEC Tech Award	Business and Health & Social Care
OCR National Certificate*	Creative iMedia
RSL Certificate	Dance, Drama and Music

*(OCR National Certificate uses the same grading as the BTEC Tech Award)