

# Welcome to the Year 10 Information Evening

Please remember to sign in and  
collect work experience paperwork  
from the back of the hall

‘To boldly go where no one  
has gone before’

In England this is what teachers are experiencing -  
very little information about what the reformed  
GCSE grading system will mean in reality and it will  
take a 5 year mission to fully understand it!

# Reformed GCSEs – current Year 11

Art

Drama

English

English Literature

Food Preparation and  
Nutrition

French

Geography

German

History

Maths

Music

Philosophy & Ethics

Science/Separate  
Sciences

Sports Studies

# Additional Reformed GCSEs – current Year 10

Computing

Electronics

Business Studies

Other new courses:

Child Development

Fashion and Textiles

Materials Technology

Visual Communication

# Reformed GCSEs

- All rests on the final exam
- Little or no coursework/controlled assessment
- Significant increase in subject content (A Level)
- Students need to learn facts/quotes/formulae
- In most subjects no Foundation/Higher tiered papers
- They are much tougher, more rigorous, than previous GCSEs

# Reformed GCSE grading system

New GCSE	Approximate Equivalence to Old GCSE
9	Top 25% of those currently achieving an A*
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	2/3 of a grade higher than current C
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F/G



# A change from Criterion Referencing to Norm Referencing

A typical conversation at Parents' Evening might start:

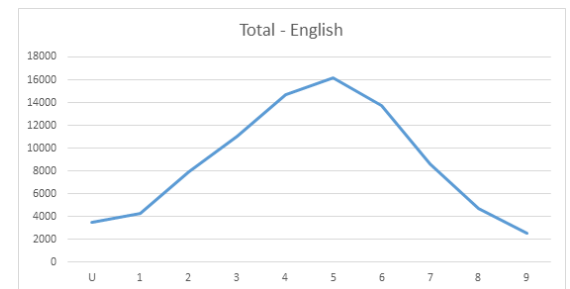
Parent: "What does my daughter need to do to achieve her target grade of a 7?"

Teacher: . . . . .

# A change from Criterion Referencing to Norm Referencing

**Criterion referencing:** To achieve a grade 7 the candidate must demonstrate the ability to . . . .

**Norm Referencing:** The candidate needs to score the same in the exam as the top XX% of students in the whole of England





# What can you do to help support your child?

- Provide them with a comfortable working environment free from distractions
- Encourage them to complete all homework fully and if they don't have homework use their subject study/revision guides to make notes related to recent lessons. Actively learn content.
- Encourage them to plan their revision and prepare thoroughly for exams
- Encourage them to take plenty of exercise, eat healthily and drink plenty of water
- If they find it helpful offer to test them and encourage them to explain what they are learning to you
- Keep an eye on internet use – there are some great online resources but the internet and social media can be a huge distraction too
- If they are unsure encourage them to talk to their teachers – most are happy to be contacted by email

What can you do to help support your child?

Above all – be in control, take the flak, “go boldly!”:

Phone/Tablet/Laptop/Internet

Going Out

Time in front of the TV

Sleep

Check with school first – don’t believe everything  
you’re told!



# Key Dates

- Work Experience Weeks – either side of half term in February
  - Full day Art exam
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November -Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 25-28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (TBC) Year 10 Internal Exams