



Sandbach High School

and Sixth Form College

Our Academy, Our Future

A Guide to Our Assessment & Reporting System for Parents/Carers of Year 10 and 11

We report student progress against GCSE criteria (1-8 grades) and in some vocational subjects L1P-L2D* (Level 1/2 Pass, Merit, Distinction) grades. With regard to the GCSE grades, we do, of course, expect some of our students to achieve the highest award of grade 9. However, this will be statistically calculated by awarding bodies at the time of final results and is therefore not included in the school's target setting and grading system.

We sub-divide each grade into three sub grades equivalent to low (-), secure (=) and high (+).

For example:

A grade 4- indicates that the student has begun to produce work of grade 4 standard however they are not yet "secure" enough for the teacher to confirm that they are fully confident when it comes to the skills, knowledge and understanding associated with a grade 4.	A grade 4= indicates that the student is regularly and confidently producing work that is of a secure and consistent grade 4 standard.	A grade 4+ indicates that the student is regularly and confidently producing work that is of a high grade 4 standard and is well on their way to producing work of a grade 5 standard.
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Across all subjects you will receive 3 pieces of information:

1. **The student's end of KS4 SHS target.** This is an aspirational target for the student and takes into account their aptitude for a subject and their actual prior attainment.
2. **The student's current grade, based on recent teacher assessment.** When considering the student's current grade please remember that we could be in the first term of a two-year course. The grade reflects the fact that further progress is expected as more of the course is covered.
3. **An R2L (Readiness to Learn) grade.** This informs you what a subject teacher thinks about the student's approach to their studies in that subject. The grades are **Less than expected**, **Expected**, **More than expected** and **Outstanding**.

Future reports will also include the student's previous grade as indicated on their last report.

The following table shows the grading at different levels. The government benchmark is the GCSE standard Pass.

GCSE Grade	Grade Description
1	Level 1 Grade 1
2	Level 1 Grade 2
3	Level 1 Grade 3
4	Level 2 Grade 4 (Standard Pass)
5	Level 2 Grade 5 (Strong Pass)
6	Level 2 Grade 6
7	Level 2 Grade 7
8	Level 2 Grade 8
9	Level 2 Grade 9 - reserved for the top 5% of all GCSEs *

* The proportion will differ between different subjects (e.g. in 2017 3% of English Language entries compared to 4% of Maths entries were awarded grade 9s.)

Cambridge National/BTEC Grade	Grade Description
L1P	Level 1 Pass
L1M	Level 1 Merit **
L1D	Level 1 Distinction **
L2P	Level 2 Pass (Standard Pass)
L2M	Level 2 Merit (Strong Pass)
L2D	Level 2 Distinction
L2D*	Level 2 Distinction Star

** Level 1 Merit and Distinction grades are only available on Cambridge National Qualification. BTEC only has a Level 1 Pass.