

Entry Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-GCSE level from entry levels 1-3
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE grades 3,2,1 • BTEC - Pass, Merit, Distinction
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE grades 9,8,7,6,5,4 • BTEC - Pass, Merit, Distinction • NVQ Level 2 • Intermediate Apprenticeship
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Levels • BTEC Diploma - Pass, Merit, Distinction • NVQ Level 3 • T Levels • Advanced Apprenticeship
Level 4	<p>Year 1 - University or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate in Higher Education (Cert HE) • Higher National Certificate (HNC) • NVQ Level 4 • Higher Apprenticeship
Level 5	<p>Year 2 - University or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE) • Higher National Diploma (HND) • Foundation degree • NVQ level 5 • Higher Apprenticeship
Level 6	<p>Year 3 - University or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree Apprenticeship • Degree with or without honours • NVQ Level 6 • Degree Apprenticeship
Level 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters Level • Master's Degree • NVQ Level 6 • Degree Apprenticeship
Level 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctorate, for example Medical Doctor available in most academic areas

THE 9 LEVELS

There are nine levels of qualifications you could study over your lifetime.

Below is the new and old GCSE grading structures.

New Grade Structure	Old Grade Structure
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

Did you know that a standard pass is a 4 on the new grading structure?

		New Grade Structure	Old Grade Structure
Entry Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-GCSE level from entry levels 1-2 	9	A*
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE grades 3,2,1 • BTEC - Pass, Merit, Distinction 	8 7	A
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCSE grades 9,8,7,6,5,4 • BTEC - Merit, Distinction • NVQ Level 2 • Intermediate Apprenticeship 	6 5 4	B C
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Levels • BTEC Diploma - Merit, Distinction • NVQ Level 3 • T Levels • Advanced Apprenticeship 	3 2 1	D E F G
Level 4	<p>Year 1 – University or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate in Education (Cert HE) • Higher National Certificate (HNC) • NVQ Level 4 • Higher Apprenticeship 	U	U
Level 5	<p>Year 2 - University or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma in Higher Education (Cert HE) • Foundation degree • NVQ level 5 • Higher Apprenticeship 		
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