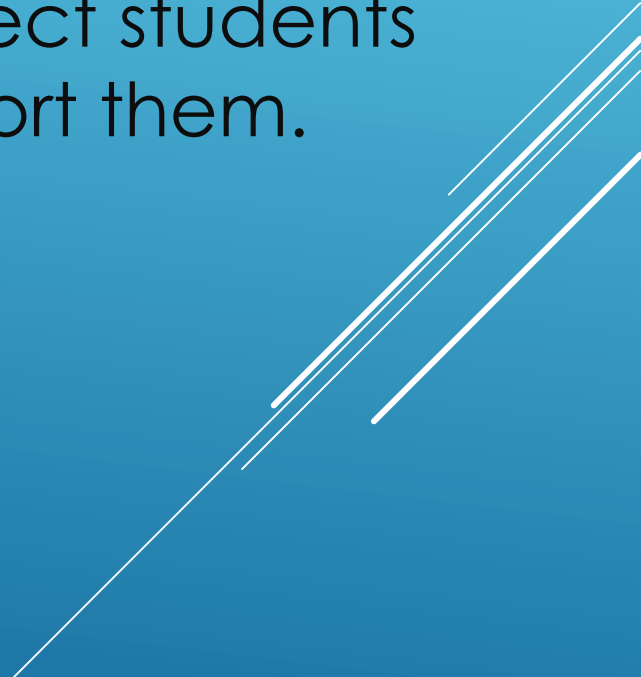


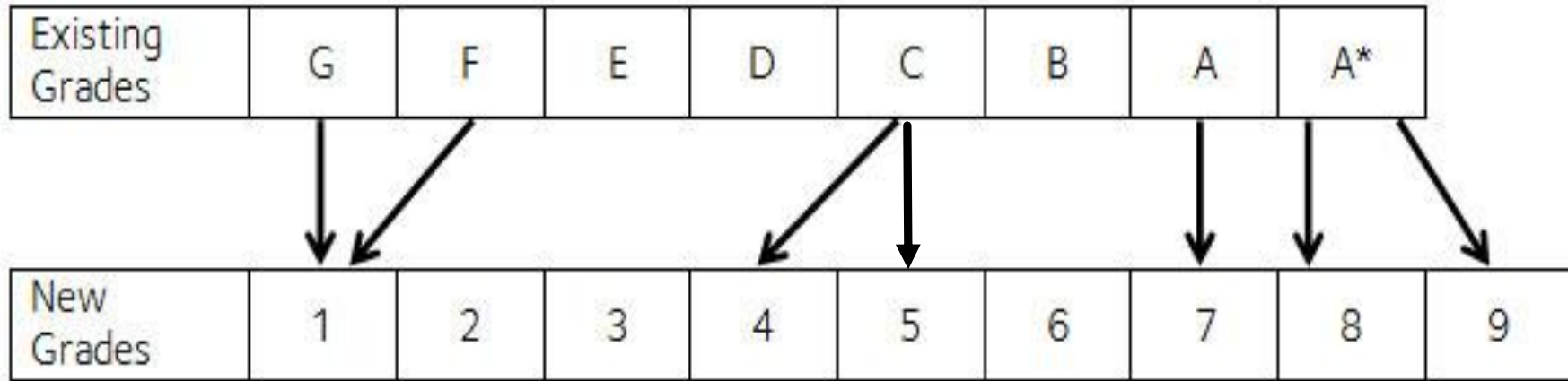
# NEW GCSE GRADING SYSTEM GRADES 9-1



- ▶ Changes have taken place to the GCSE grading system.
  - ▶ Here we hope to explain how this change will affect students and what you can parents and carers do to support them.
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## ▶ What has Changed?

- ▶ The new system allows for greater differentiation, with nine numerical grades in place of eight letter grades
- ▶ The new numbered bands will not translate directly from the old grades A\* - G, but we do know that approximately the same proportion of students who currently achieve:
  - ▶ Grade 9 will be a new grade for very high performing students, to be set as the top fifth of the current A\* grades
  - ▶ Grade 5 will be the benchmark for a 'good pass'
  - ▶ The bottom of Grade 1 will be the same as the bottom of grade G



# English & Mathematics

## Changes in English – Now Liner Exams

- ▶ No more Coursework (60 % gone)
- ▶ 4 papers totaling 7 hours

## Changes in Mathematics – 3 exams not 2

- ▶ 1 non Calculator
- ▶ 2 calculator
  
- ▶ More difficult than current GCSEs we now have some A Level topics at Band 9

## How are other subjects effected?


- ▶ Science - Controlled assessments are no longer part of the syllabus which are currently 25% of the course. The need to learn the mathematical equations has increased as they will no longer be provided (Approx. 20 equations). A book is on sale from science department to support.
- ▶ History/ Geography / MFL - Controlled assessments are no longer part of the Syllabus.
- ▶ Computer Science Controlled assessments are worth 20% compared to now where it is worth 60%

**ALL EXAMS ARE NOW MORE DIFFICULT.**

## What's the Impact on Further Education?

- ▶ As it currently stands any child who does not achieve a Band 4 in English or Mathematics will have to re-sit at Post 16 education. However for current Year 10 students the government are considering raising this requirement to a Band 5.
- ▶ A Level Requirements – Six Band 6-9 qualifications including English & Mathematics.
- ▶ BTEC Entry requirements – Four Band 5-9 Qualifications Including English & Mathematics.

## What can you do to assist your child in these difficult times?

- ▶ Are you checking 'Show my Homework' and encouraging them to complete it?
  - ▶ Allocate study time every night.
  - ▶ Ensure they have the resources to support them in their studies.
  - ▶ Ensure that they are attending at least 3 afterschool revision sessions per week.
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# ECDL - European Computer Driving Licence

The ECDL consists of 4 modules:

- ▶ Word
- ▶ PowerPoint
- ▶ Excel
- ▶ Combined module

This is currently equivalent to a full GCSE in ICT recognised throughout Europe.

The current plan is all students who are not currently getting a good grade in Computer science will be doing this qualification in the final two weeks of Year 10.