



Understanding Your Child's Grades

At OSA we use the new GCSE 9-1 system to describe our students' achievement from Year 7 all the way through to Year 11. For parents who may not be familiar with 9-1 grades, the table below shows how they equate to the older A*-G system.

New GCSE Grades 9-1	WT1 Working Towards 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Old GCSE Grades A*-G	Working Towards G	F/G	E	D	C	High C Low B	B	A	A*	High A*

Expected Grades by School Year Group

Many parents ask us whether their child's grade is 'good' or 'normal' for their age. All children are different, but the table below will give parents an idea of the average grade we expect students to achieve in each school year.

SCHOOL YEAR GROUP	AVERAGE TARGET GRADE*
Year 7	Grade 1
Year 8	Grade 1 - 2
Year 9	Grade 2 - 3
Year 10 / Year 11	Grade 4 – 5

*Parents should remember that target grades are specific to each student and each subject. When evaluating a child's progress, we need to take into account their own potential, as well as the average for the school year group. For example- a student might be achieving a Grade 5 in English in Year 9, which would be above-average for their year group- but if they have a target grade of 6, they would still be working below their potential. **If you are unsure about how to interpret your child's progress, please contact us for more guidance- email admin@onslow.herts.sch.uk with your questions, and an appropriate staff member will contact you to support.**