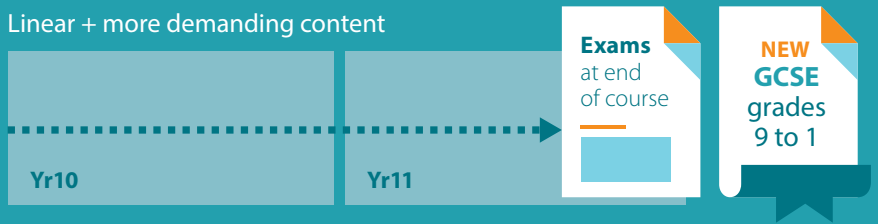


The reforms

GCSE

Linear + more demanding content



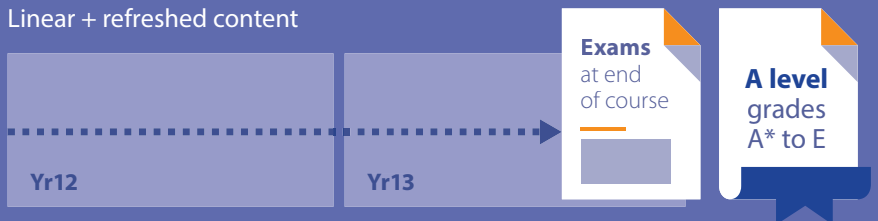
AS level

No longer count towards an A level + refreshed content



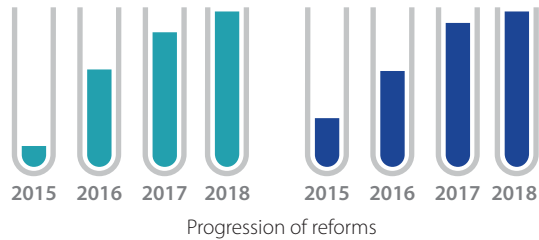
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GCSE, AS and A level reforms in England

The reforms



GCSE, AS and A level qualifications are being reformed. **The new subjects are being introduced gradually**, with the first wave being taught from September 2015. Subjects that have not been reformed will no longer be available for teaching from September 2018.

Reformed GCSEs

- will have more demanding content
- have been designed for a two-year period of study
- will be linear, so students will take all of their exams at the end of the course
- degree of non-exam assessment will reflect balance and nature of new subject content
- will have a new grading scale from 9 (top grade) to 1
- students studying combined science will receive one of 17 possible grades, from 1-1, 1-2, 2-2, 2-3... to 9-9

Reformed AS and A levels

- content refreshed with greater input from universities
- AS results will no longer count towards an A level
- will be linear, with AS assessments typically taking place after one year of study and A levels after two
- will keep the A* to E grading scale (A to E for AS level)
- degree of non-exam assessment will reflect balance and nature of new subject content
- grading standards stay the same