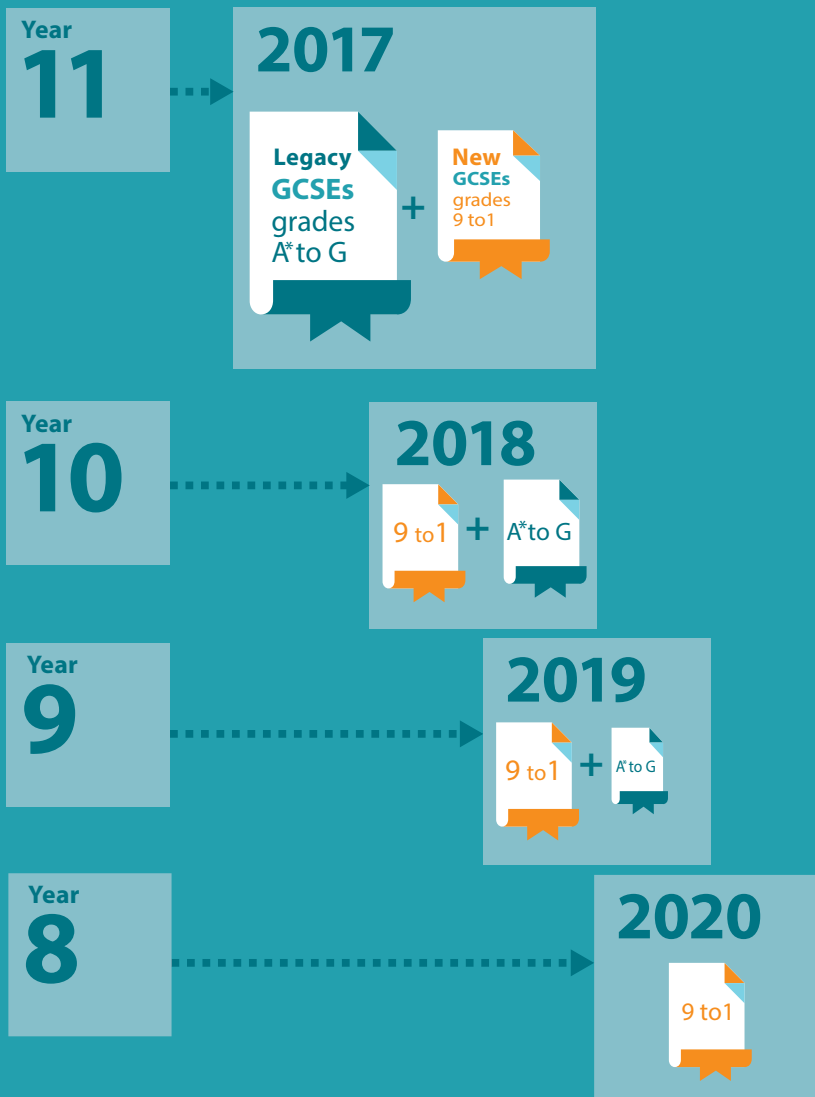


Awarding for new GCSE student cohorts



New GCSEs have been introduced gradually, with the first wave taught from September 2015. Students will sit a combination of legacy and reformed GCSEs over the next three years.

Year 11 in September 2016

These students will take new exams in the first reformed GCSEs subjects – English language, English literature and maths. Their final GCSE certificates will comprise a mixture of numbers and legacy letters.

Year 10 in September 2016

These students will start a wider range of reformed GCSEs, but they may also take some legacy qualifications. As such, their final GCSE certificates, in 2018, may comprise a mixture of numbers and letters.

Year 9 in September 2016

All GCSEs, with the exception of some lesser-taught languages, will have been reformed by the time these students select their subjects. As such, their final GCSE certificates will mainly comprise numbers.

Year 8 in September 2016

All GCSEs will have been reformed by the time these students sit their exams. Their final GCSE certificates will only comprise numbers.

We will use a statistical method (known as comparable outcomes) in each year new exams are sat so that students who first sit reformed qualifications will not be disadvantaged as a result of the changes.