Grading new AS and A levels

New and legacy AS level grading
No longer count towards an A level

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New AS and A levels will be linear, rather than modular qualifications. This will change the way that some grade boundaries are calculated.

Existing A level grade boundaries are set in different ways. Grades E and A are key grade boundaries. They are set by exam boards based on senior examiner judgement of student work, statistical predictions and other evidence.

Grades B, C and D are arithmetic grade boundaries. They are set by dividing the difference in marks between grades A and E equally. Students who currently achieve an A grade overall and 90% of the Uniform Mark Scheme marks on their A2 components receive an A*.

In reformed A levels, grades E and A will continue to be key grade boundaries. They will be set in a way similar to existing key grade boundaries. Grade A* will be set using statistical predictions. Grades B, C and D will continue to be set arithmetically, based on the difference between the marks between grades A and E.

In reformed AS levels, grades E and A will also be key grade boundaries and B, C and D will be set arithmetically.