



Fine Grading on Years 9-11 Progress Check Reports

Teachers provide professional predictions of future student examination performance based on assessments that they make through the year and on pre-public examination (PPE) or 'mock' examination results. We call these predictions current predicted performance grades (CPPs).

To give students and their families more information about the security of these grades, we use the fine grading system that categorises a GCSE grade into three groups:

Fine Grade	Meaning	Explanation
1	SECURE	this grade can be achieved and with additional work and support may achieve the next grade
2	LIKELY	this grade can be achieved provided that the work and support continues to be in place
3	VULNERABLE	this grade could be achieved if further work and support is put in place, but could slide to the next lower grade without this

These are recorded on reports as additional numbers after the GCSE grade.

Where the GCSE grade is expressed as a letter, the fine grade is recorded as a number after the grade letter:

- **A1** – a secure A grade – further work/ support may push this to an A*
- **B2** – a likely B grade – continued work/ support will mean that this grade is achieved
- **C3** – a vulnerable C grade – further work or support may secure this grade, but it could drop to a D

From 2017, some GCSE grades will be expressed as numbers (1, the lowest, to 9, the highest). To avoid confusion, the fine grade is placed in brackets after the GCSE grade:

- **7(1)** – a secure grade 7 – further work/ support may push this to an 8
- **6(2)** – a likely grade 6 – continued work/ support will mean that this grade is achieved
- **5(3)** – a vulnerable grade 5 – further work or support may secure this grade, but it could drop to a 4

Fine grades are given to provide additional information to students and their families about where additional work or support is needed. Fine grades are only used on current predicted performance grades (CPPs) and not on minimum target grades (MTGs).

Final/ examination result grades will not include fine grades nor will fine grade information be provided outside the academy to sixth forms, colleges or potential employers. Predicted grades for these purposes will just give the anticipated GCSE grade as a single letter or number.