



To:
Regional Education Consortium Managing Directors
Directors of Education

Cc:
Regional 14-19 Co-ordinators
Secondary School Headteachers
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

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Dear Colleagues

School Performance Reporting – (9-1) GCSEs

As you may be aware, the Department for Education has started to introduce numeric grading for GCSEs, rather than the A*-G grading structure seen previously. These qualifications will be graded 9-1, with 9 being the highest attainment score. In Wales, the 9-1 GCSEs will count in performance information when approved or designated for delivery. This is only expected to affect Wales in low cohort subjects where there is no separate Wales specification, or where pupils in independent schools opt to take a GCSE subject with a board other than WJEC.

The performance points for the 9-1 GCSEs have now been attributed and are displayed below:

Grading Structure	Points
9	58
8	55
7	52
6	48
5	44
4	40
3	32
2	24
1	16
U	0

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.



Broadly the same proportion of students will get grades 1, 4 and 7 and above as would have got grades G, C and A and above respectively in the A*-G system. The table below shows a mapping of the 9-1 grades with the A*-G grading structures:

A*-G grading structure (Wales)	9-1 grading structure (England)
A*	9
A	8
	7
B	6
C	5
	4
D	3
E	2
F	1
G	
U	U

These qualifications will count toward school performance measures in the Level 2 inclusive, Capped 9 and Welsh Baccalaureate. For further information on how these qualifications will count in terms of performance measures, please see [QiW](#), the online database of approved qualifications in Wales, using the unique qualification (QAN) code.

FEWBES Policy on 9-1 GCSEs:

Pupils arriving from England with a 9-1 GCSE in English or Mathematics at the start of Year 11 will be expected to also complete the new Welsh specification GCSEs in English/Welsh and Mathematics and Mathematics Numeracy. However, if they arrive part way through Year 11, they can be classed as FEWBES and be disaggregated from school performance measures.

Should you have any queries about the content of this letter then please email us at ims@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully



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