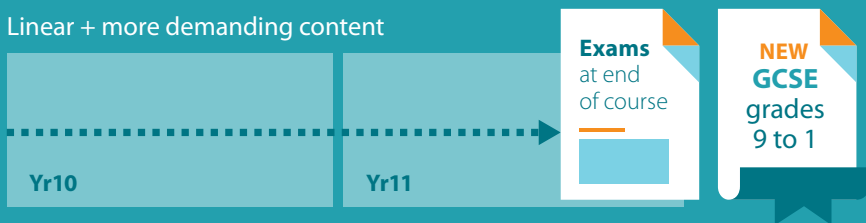


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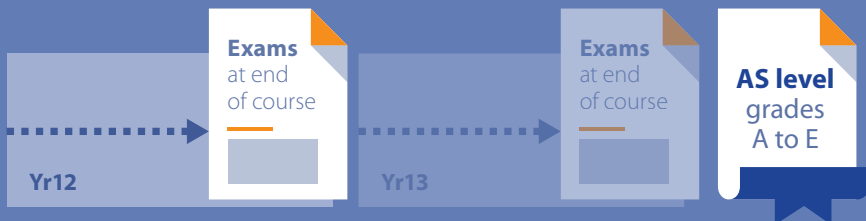
GCSE

Linear + more demanding content



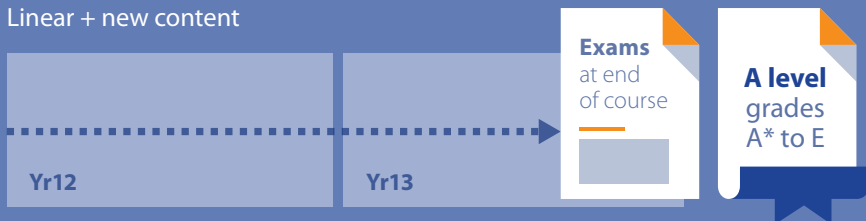
AS level

No longer count towards an A level + new content

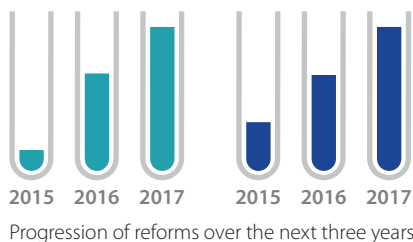


A level

Linear + new content



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 be more demanding
- 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
- non-exam assessment will be removed or reduced in the majority of GCSEs
- will have a new grading scale from 9 to 1

Reformed AS and A levels

- will have new content with greater input from universities
- 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)
- AS results will no longer count towards an A level
- degree of non-exam assessment will reflect balance and nature of new subject content
- performance standards stay the same

The phased introduction of reformed GCSEs will mean students will receive a mixture of letter and number grades in summer 2017 and summer 2018.