

Year 11 Guide to GCSEs

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- Attendance
- English – Mrs Kaufmann-Ward
- Maths – Mrs Clay
- Revision – Mrs Beasley
- Pastoral Support – Mr Lea

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- New GCSE Grading

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon>

- Letters A*-G have been replaced by numbers 9-1
- Broadly the same number of pupils awarded a 4 as the old C
- Broadly the same number of pupils awarded a 7 as the old A
- DfE has called the new grade 4 a 'pass' and the new grade 5 a 'strong pass'.

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- Targets are aspirational. Top 20% of similar pupils in the country
- You can be above average even if you don't hit all of your targets
- Level 2 course at college – grade 3
- A level at DSFC – grade 6

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- New specifications (content and skills)
- New grading
- Forecast 39% of pupils would achieve at least a 5 in both English and Maths. We achieved 40%.
- Have confidence that the teachers know where you're at and what you need to do to improve

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- Key Dates
- Post-16 Options Evening – Thursday 5th October
- Screening – w/b 6th November
- Mock exams – Monday 8th January – Friday 19th
- Final written report – w/b 5th February
- Parents' Evening – Wednesday 28th February
- Easter Revision
- GCSE exams – Monday 14th May – Friday 15th June
- Miss Mather – examsofficer@northgate.norfolk.sch.uk

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- After GCSEs
- 6th form open evening – Tuesday 17th October
- College Open Days
- Mrs Hull midnorfolkcareers@northgate.norfolk.sch.uk
- Wednesday and Thursday
- Self referral system – green card from tutors
- Happy to meet with parents and will arrange after school meetings

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- Attendance Matters
- Be on time
- Come in, unless you're really ill
- Even at 90% attendance, a pupil is missing one day a fortnight
- Every lesson counts
- Research (DfE) has shown that attendance links with grades; grades link with future earnings