

# Year 10 Guide to GCSEs

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- English – Mrs Kaufmann-Ward
- Maths – Mrs Clay
- Revision – Mrs Beasley
- Pastoral Support – Miss Honey

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<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- Letters A\*-G have been replaced by numbers 9-1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
- Screening – w/b 6<sup>th</sup> November, w/b 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Easter Revision
- Mock exams – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Miss Mather – [examsofficer@northgate.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:examsofficer@northgate.norfolk.sch.uk)
- Final written report – w/b 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Parents' Evening – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Work Experience (self generated) – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June

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- After GCSEs
- 6<sup>th</sup> form open evening
- College Open Days
- Mrs Hull [midnorfolkcareers@northgate.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:midnorfolkcareers@northgate.norfolk.sch.uk)
- Wednesday and Thursday
- Self referral system – green card from student services
- 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