

# CALDAY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

## **Changes to Assessment (Parents of Year 10 students in 2015/16)**

As you may be aware, the way in which schools are to assess students is changing across the country in response to governmental changes in assessment policy. It is for each school to decide how their own assessment is altered to reflect these changes.

This letter is designed to assist our students and parents with understanding these changes and what it will mean for your son at Calday Grange Grammar School over the next few years .

### **Years 10 and 11**

Now that your son is in Year 10, the current GCSE system of grading (A\*-G) has been replaced in English and Mathematics by a numerical grading system from 1 – 9 (9 being the highest). The grading system in all other GCSE subjects remains unchanged. English and Mathematics specifications have been altered to reflect this change and it is accepted that these subjects have now become more challenging as a result.

As you will now appreciate, this presents us as a school with a complicated situation where two current grading systems exist.

Therefore, in order to be consistent with the GCSE grades reported last year in Year 9, we will continue to assess students using the A\* - G grades in all subjects until the end of Year 11. However, in English and Mathematics lessons, teachers will give students some indication of the likely conversion of their A\* - G assessment in to the new numerical 1 – 9 grades.

This system has yet to be fully explained nationally but it would seem likely that a rank order of performance will determine the precise numerical grades achieved, with a small proportion of students nationally achieving the grade 9.

Therefore on all reports and assessments that you receive during this time, you will see A\* - G grades for each subject. As stated earlier, students will have numerical grades in English and Mathematics only at the end of Year 11. Attached to this letter is some more information regarding the new grading structure.

### **Years 12 and 13**

By the time your son reaches Year 12; all Advanced Level examinations will be two year courses with students taking examinations at the end of Year 13. There are currently no plans to change the grading structure, which is, at the moment A\*- G. All school assessment will also match this grade range.

As a school we are trying to react to national changes in a way that least confuses parents and students. I hope that this assists parents to understand the changes that are being made but if you have any questions related to assessment then do please contact me at the school.

Kind regards

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