



Montgomery Learning Bulletin.

Keeping you and your child informed

November, 2016

Mutual Respect, Ambition and Learning

Issue 1.

Welcome to the first edition of the Montgomery Learning Bulletin, which will be issued to the parents and carers of all our students on a half termly schedule.

The idea of the bulletin is to keep you informed about the various educational developments that will have a significant impact on your child's learning and progress.

This first addition will focus on the changes to be made to the GCSE grading system that will come into effect from 2017. It's vital information that all parents and students need to know.

New GCSEs in English language, English Literature and maths are currently being taught at Montgomery and were started in September, 2015. Current Year 11 students will get these results in August, 2017 in the form of a number grade, not as a letter grade. The same will apply to all other new GCSE courses in the August of 2018. This will, firstly, concern our current Year 10 students.

Overleaf you will find a diagram that will help you to convert current letter grades into future number grades. The most important thing to remember is; that to be sure of securing the equivalent of a current "C" grade, a student will need to attain a grade 5. This is aiming high, which is what we expect of all our students.

Both teachers and students will soon have to get used to using these grades to measure student progress. Students will be told if they are on target to achieve a grade 4+.

If you have any concerns, or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us here at school as we are always willing to help support the families of all our students in any way that we can.



Upcoming events:-

Year 7 to Year 10
Progress Evening
Thursday, 15th
December, 2016

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Year 11 Parents'
Evening #2
Thursday, 19th
January, 2017

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Year 9 Parents'
Evening
Thursday, 16th
February, 2017

Grading the New GCSEs in 2017



| NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Looking at the conversion scale it should be clear to see that a number grade 4 is equivalent to the lower end of the current C grade. Students need to push for a C+ to attain a recognised qualifying grade. For apprenticeships and further education courses.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A* | | | A | | B | | C | | D | E | F | G | U |
| CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Having your say!

If you would like to become more involved in supporting our continued improvement here at Montgomery then we would like to hear from you. We would really appreciate your involvement in our Parent Forum which is hosted by Mrs Watson. This could be your chance to make a difference. Please contact Miss Skiffington at s.skiffington.montgomeryschool.co.uk if you are interested.