

UCAS Tariff Tables

The new UCAS Tariff will be used for courses starting from September 2017. It is based on a new approach, using a qualification’s size and grades to calculate total Tariff points.

Tariff points = size band x grade band.

Size band – qualifications will be allocated a size band of 1 to 4, based on their guided leaning hours/notional learning hours.

Grade band – qualifications will be allocated a grade band. The new Tariff has 12 grade bands across a value range of 3-14. These grade bands spread across the breadth of Level 3/SCQF Level 6.

A LEVEL		
Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
140	A*	56
120	A	48
100	B	40
80	C	32
60	D	24
40	E	16

AS LEVEL		
Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
60	A	20
50	B	16
40	C	12
30	D	10
20	E	6

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
70	A*	28
60	A	24
50	B	20
40	C	16
30	D	12
20	E	8

Core Maths Qualification*

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
60	A	20
50	B	16
40	C	12
30	D	10
20	E	6

This includes:

- AQA Level 3 Certificate Mathematical Studies
- City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate in Using and Applying Mathematics
- OCR Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Problem Solving
- OCR Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Reasoning
- Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics in Context
- WJEC Eduqas Level 3 Certificate in Mathematics for Work and Life

International Baccalaureate (IB) – is achieved by passing each of the required components and achieving a total IB point score of 24 or more.

The IB Diploma does not attract UCAS Tariff points. However, the constituent qualifications of the IB Diploma do. The Tariff points for an IB Diploma can be calculated by adding together the Tariff points for each of its components.

Note that the Creativity Action Service (CAS) component is not accredited and does not attract Tariff points.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE –
HIGHER LEVELS

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
130	7	56
110	6	48
80	5	32
50	4	24
20	3	12
0	2	0

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE –
STANDARD LEVELS

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
70	7	28
59	6	24
43	5	16
27	4	12
11	3	6
0	2	0

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE –
EXTENDED ESSAY

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
60	A	12
50	B	10
40	C	8
30	D	6
20	E	4

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE –
THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
60	A	12
50	B	10
40	C	8
30	D	6
20	E	4

- Cambridge Pre U Diploma – can be gained by a learner achieving at least a pass in the following elements:
- three Principal Subjects
 - Global Perspectives and Research (GPR)

The Pre-U Diploma itself does not attract UCAS Tariff points, however, the constituent qualifications of the Diploma do. The Tariff points for a Pre-U Diploma can be calculated by adding together the Tariff points for each of its components.

Cambridge Pre U Principle

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
-	D1	56
145	D2	56
130	D3	52
115	M1	44
101	M2	40
87	M3	36
73	P1	28
59	P2	24
46	P3	20

Cambridge Global Perspectives and Research

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
-	D1	56
140	D2	56
126	D3	52
112	M1	44
98	M2	40
84	M3	36
70	P1	28
56	P2	24
42	P3	20

Cambridge Pre-U Certificate (Short Course)

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
-	D1	22
-	D2	20
60	D3	20
53	M1	18
46	M2	14
39	M3	12
32	P1	10
26	P2	8
20	P3	6

Pearson BTEC National Extended Diploma
(3.0 x A level / 1080 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
420	D*D*D	168
400	D*D*D	160
380	D*DD	152
360	DDD	144
320	DDM	128
280	DMM	112
240	MMM	96
200	MMP	80
160	MPP	64
120	PPP	48

Pearson BTEC National Diploma
(2.0 x A level / 720 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
280	D*D*	112
260	D*D	104
240	DD	96
200	DM	80
160	MM	64
120	MP	48
80	PP	32

Pearson BTEC National Foundation Diploma
(1.5 x A level /540 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points (known as 90 credit Diploma)	Pre 2017 Grade	2017 Grade	New Tariff Points
210	D*D*	-	-
200	D*D	D*	84
180	DD	D	72
160	DM	M	48
120	MM	P	24
100	MP	-	-
60	PP	-	-

Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate
(1.0 x A level /360 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points (known as Subsidiary Diploma)	Grade	New Tariff Points
140	D*	56
120	D	48
80	M	32
40	P	16

Pearson BTEC National Certificate
(0.5 x A level / 180 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points (known as Certificate)	Grade	New Tariff Points
70	D*	28
60	D	24
40	M	16
20	P	8

OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma
(3.0 x A level / 1080 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
420	D*D*D	168
400	D*D*D	160
380	D*DD	152
360	DDD	144
320	DDM	128
280	DMM	112
240	MMM	96
200	MMP	80
160	MPP	64
120	PPP	48

OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma
(2.0 x A level / 720 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
280	D*D*	112
260	D*D	104
240	DD	96
200	DM	80
160	MM	64
120	MP	48
80	PP	32

OCR Cambridge Technical Foundation Diploma
(1.5 x A level /540 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points (known as Subsidiary Diploma)	Grade	New Tariff Points
210	D*D*	-
200	D*D	84
180	DD	72
160	DM	48
120	MM	24
100	MP	-
60	PP	-

OCR Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate
(1.0 x A level /360 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points (known as Introductory Diploma)	Grade	New Tariff Points
140	D*	56
120	D	48
80	M	32
40	P	16

OCR Cambridge Technical Certificate
(0.5 x A level / 180 GLH)

Pre 2017 Points (known as Certificate)	Grade	New Tariff Points
70	D*	28
60	D	24
40	M	16
20	P	8

Scottish Advanced Highers

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
130	A	56
110	B	48
90	C	40
72	D	32

Scottish Highers

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
80	A	33
65	B	27
50	C	21
36	D	15

Scottish Baccalaureate - is a group award consisting of a coherent group of subjects at Higher and Advanced Higher. The award consists of two Advances Highers, one Higher and an Interdisciplinary Project.

The Scottish Baccalaureate itself does not attract UCAS Tariff points. However, the components of the qualification do attract Tariff points. The Tariff points for a Scottish Baccalaureate can be calculated by adding together the Tariff points for each of its components. The Scottish Baccalaureate is graded at Pass or Distinction.

Scottish Baccalaureate Interdisciplinary Project

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
65	A	28
55	B	24
45	C	20

Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate – Skills Challenge Certificate

Pre 2017 Points	Grade	New Tariff Points
In 2015 and 2016, the Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma - Core (previous name) was graded A*-C. This qualification attracted 120 Tariff points at each grade.	A*	56
	A	48
	B	40
	C	32
	D	24
	E	16

Qualifications reform timeline

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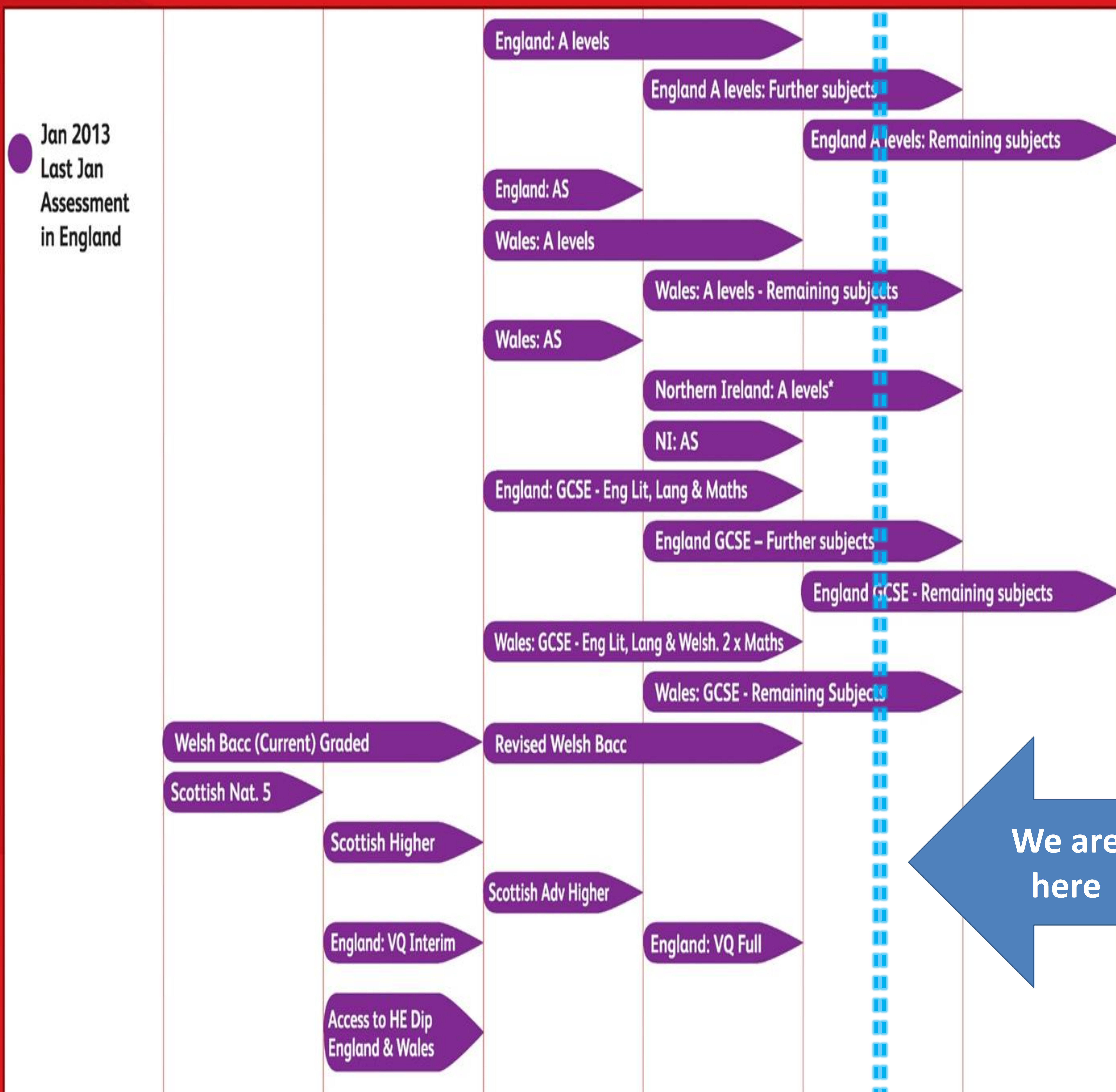
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Key

First teaching



Reach HE

Adapted for UoM internal use
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GCSE, AS and A level reforms in England

GCSEs and A levels in England have been reformed, with the aim to:

- Match with the highest performing education systems around the world*
- Identify and reward the highest performing students*
- Remove modularisation which encourages bite-sized learning*
- Better prepare students for work, and further and higher education*
- Reduce the burden of exams on students and teachers*
- Ensure assessment is more robust and rigorous.*

The following tables explain what is happening and when:

Reformed GCSEs

- GCSE content will be more challenging but still suitable for a wide range of abilities**
- GCSEs will be graded on a new scale of 9 to 1 rather than A* to G as before, with 9 the highest grade, to distinguish clearly between the reformed and unreformed qualifications**

Level	Start course in 2015, exams 2017	Start course in 2016, exams 2018	Start course in 2017, exams 2019	Start course in 2018, exams 2020
GCSE	English literature, English language and maths only.	English and maths plus... Art and design, biology, chemistry, citizenship studies (and short course), combined science, computer science, dance, drama, food preparation and nutrition, French, geography, German, classical Greek, history, Latin, music, physical education, physics, religious studies (including short course), and Spanish.	2015 and 2016 subjects plus... Ancient history, Arabic, astronomy, Bengali, business, Chinese, classical civilisation, design and technology, economics, electronics, engineering, film studies, geology, Italian, Japanese, media studies, modern Greek, modern Hebrew, Panjabi, PE short course, Polish, psychology, Russian, sociology, statistics, and Urdu.	All previous subjects plus... Gujarati, biblical Hebrew, Persian, Portuguese, and Turkish.

New GCSE grading structure

In the first year, the same proportion of students will:

achieve a grade 7 and above as currently get an A and above

achieve a grade 4 and above as currently get C and above

achieve a grade 1 and above as currently get G and above

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GCSE 9-1 grading – standard pass and strong pass

- A new GCSE grade 4 will be called a **standard pass**. For pupils, a grade 4 standard pass or above marks a similar level of achievement to a current grade C or above.
- Pupils achieving a grade 4 or above in English and maths will not be required to continue studying these subjects post-16.
- A new GCSE grade 5 or above will be called a **strong pass**. For schools, the proportion of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above strong pass in English and maths will be one of the headline performance measures.
- The Government will also publish GCSE performance measures at grade 4 and above. The Government will no longer be reporting on the “good pass” in school performance tables

Ofqual

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

Strong pass

Standard pass

Reformed AS and A levels

- **Reformed AS level**
 - content will be drawn from the new A level content
 - AS levels will be optional, stand alone qualifications
 - any marks will no longer count towards a A level
 - taught over 1 or 2 years
 - linear – exam at the end of the course
 - grading A to E plus U
- **Reformed A levels**
 - content will better prepare students for university
 - linear - all exams at the end of the two-year course
 - grading A* - E plus U
 - a separate grade for science practical work

Level	Start course in 2015, A level exams 2017, AS level exams 2016	Start course in 2016, A level exams 2018, AS level exams 2017	Start course in 2017, A level exams 2019, AS level exams in 2018	Start course in 2018, A level exams 2020; no AS level exams available in these subjects
AS and A level	Art and design, biology, business, chemistry, computer science, economics, English language, English language and literature, English literature, history, physics, psychology, and sociology.	2015 subjects plus... Dance, drama and theatre, French, geography, German, classical Greek, Latin, music, physical education, religious studies and Spanish.	2015 and 2016 subjects plus... Accounting, ancient history, Chinese, classical civilisation, design and technology, electronics, environmental science, film studies, further maths, geology, history of art, Italian, law, maths, media studies, music technology, philosophy, politics, Russian, and statistics.	All previous subjects plus... Arabic, Bengali, biblical Hebrew, Gujarati, modern Greek, modern Hebrew, Japanese, Panjabi, Persian, Portuguese Polish, Turkish, and Urdu.

Awarding Reformed AS and A levels

- The standards of AS and A levels are not being changed; typically students who would have got B's previously will get a B in reformed subjects.
- Exam boards will still use predictions (based on GCSE prior attainment) to guide their awards.
- Key grade boundaries will be set, as now, using predictions and senior examiner judgement of students' work.
- No UMS (uniform mark scale) – decoupling means there is no need for UMS which helped standardise results across units, qualifications and boards in a modular system.

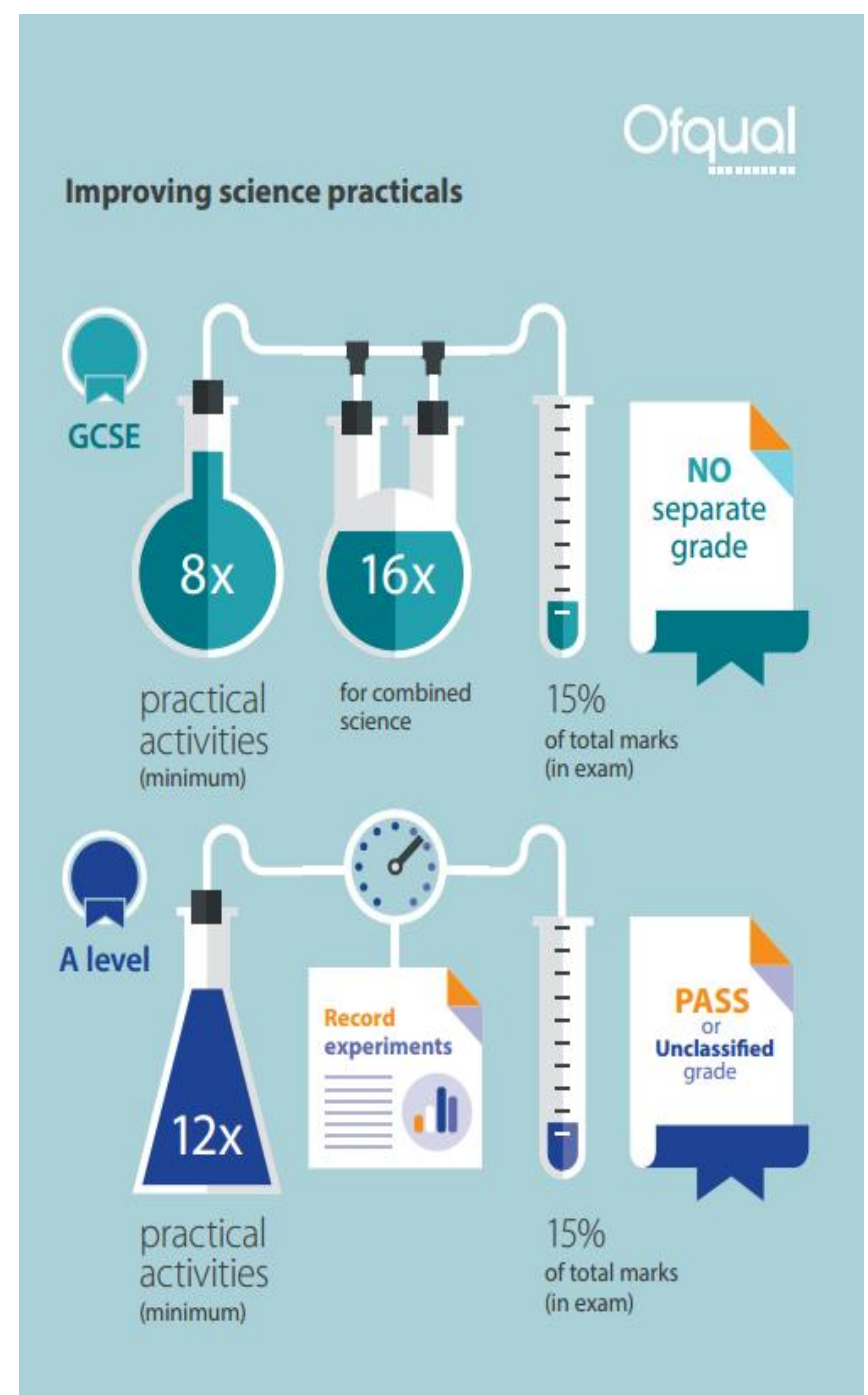
Practical science assessment

GCSE:

- Students do at least 8 practical activities (16 for combined science) covering specific techniques
- Written questions about practical work will make up at least 15% of the total marks for the qualification
- There will be no separate grade for practical skills
- Students studying combined science will receive one of 17 grades from 9-9 (highest) to 1-1 (lowest)

A level:

- More practicals – at least 12 in each science subject
- Written questions about practical work will make up at least 15% of the total marks for the qualification
- Students will need to record their experiments as they do them
- Students' competence in practicals will be reported separately ('pass' or 'not classified')
- Practical 'pass' for A level science likely to be required by universities – check admissions information



AS and A level reforms in Wales

Reformed A level qualifications in Wales consist of AS and A2 units. The AS is a stand alone qualification and also contributes 40% towards the full A level qualification.

AS and A levels in Wales:

- Share the same content as A levels in England, where appropriate*
- Retain practical or non-examination assessments where they are assessing an important part of the subject, with these assessments contributing towards the final grade*
- Include a Welsh perspective where appropriate*

The following table explain what is happening and when:

Level	Start course in 2015, A level exams 2017, AS level exams 2016	Start course in 2016, A level exams 2018, AS level exams 2017	Start course in 2017, A level exams 2019, AS level exams in 2018
AS and A level	Art and design, biology, business, chemistry, computer science, economics, English language, English literature, English language & literature, history, physics, psychology, sociology, Welsh (first language)	2015 subjects plus... Drama, modern foreign languages (French, German and Spanish), geography, Music, physical education, religious studies, Welsh (second language)	2015 and 2016 subjects plus... Design and technology, government and politics, media studies, mathematics, further mathematics, law

The Welsh Baccalaureate

The Welsh Baccalaureate (Bacc) has been redesigned for first teaching from September 2015. The Bacc is a composite qualification that includes a Skills Challenge Certificate; this assesses the skills that young people need for college, university, employment and life. Alongside the Skills Challenge Certificate, learners take a selection of GCSE, AS and A level and vocational qualifications appropriate to their needs in order to be awarded the Bacc.

Welsh Baccalaureate levels

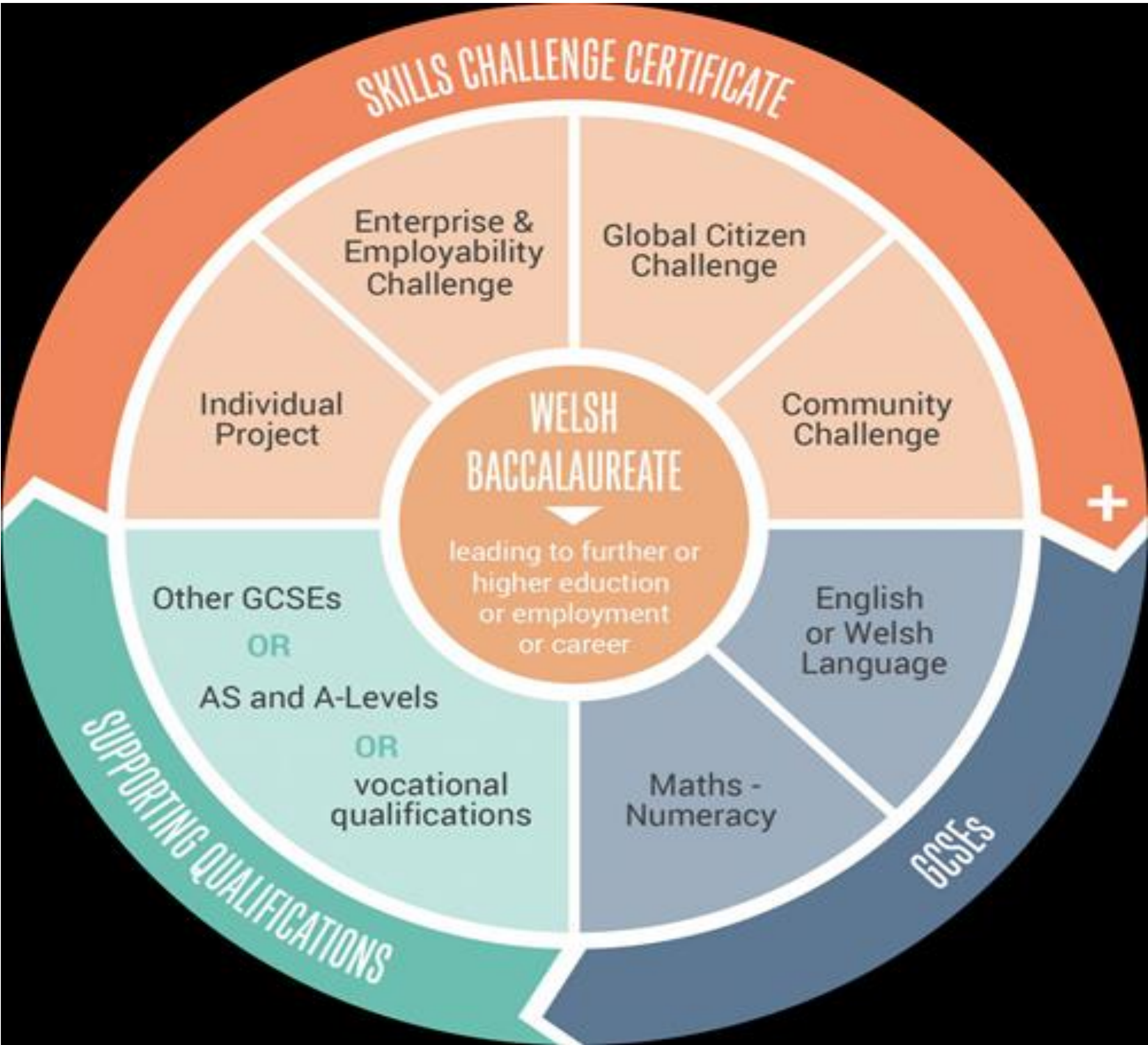
The Bacc is awarded at three levels:

- Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate (level 1) for use at Key Stage 4 or post-16
- National Welsh Baccalaureate (level 2) for use at Key Stage 4 or post-16
- Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate (level 3) for use at post-16 only

The Bacc assesses essential skills such as literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, critical thinking and problem-solving, planning and organisation, creativity and innovation and personal effectiveness.

Literacy and numeracy are assessed through Essential Skills Wales or appropriate GCSEs at Foundation and National levels, with credit in these areas being carried forward from the National to Advanced level. All other skills are assessed through the Skills Challenge Certificate.

The new Bacc comprises a core, or ‘Skills Challenge Certificate’, alongside Supporting Qualifications. The requirements of both the Skills Challenge Certificate and Supporting Qualifications must be met to achieve the overarching qualification.



QUALIFICATION TITLE	LEVEL	GRADES AVAILABLE	WHEN IT IS USED
Foundation Welsh Baccalaureate	Level 1	Pass* and Pass	Different versions for use at Key Stage 4 or post-16.
National Welsh Baccalaureate	Level 2	A*, A, B and C	Different versions for use at Key Stage 4 or post-16.
Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate	Level 3	A*, A, B, C, D and E	Used post-16 only.

The Welsh Baccalaureate

Skills Challenge Certificate

Learners need to complete four assessments as part of the Skills Challenge Certificate:

An Individual Project:

This is an independent, research-based assignment on a subject of the learner's choice. Learners demonstrate the knowledge and skills to produce a written investigation or an artefact/product supported by written research.

Enterprise and Employability Challenge:

This challenge requires learners to demonstrate entrepreneurship to demonstrate the skills often required by employers, which in turn improves employability. Learners will take challenges that are designed locally or nationally. These Challenges may have been designed by the centre, employers or other national organisations.

Global Citizenship Challenge:

This challenge requires learners to demonstrate an understanding of, and appropriate response to, a global issue. Learners will take challenges that are designed locally or nationally.

Community Challenge:

This challenge requires learners to identify, develop and participate in opportunities that will benefit the community. Learners will take challenges that are designed locally or nationally.

Supporting Qualifications in order to acquire the Foundation or National level Bacc qualifications, learners must achieve:

- GCSE English Language or GCSE Welsh Language (grades A*-G for Foundation, grades A*-C for National);
- GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy (grades A*-G for Foundation, grades A*-C for National);
- A minimum of three further GCSEs (grades A*-G, grades A*-C for National). At Key Stage 4, up to two of these may be equivalent qualifications; at post-16, all may be equivalent.

In order to acquire the Advanced level Bacc, learners must achieve:

- GCSE English Language or GCSE Welsh Language (grades A*-C);
- GCSE Mathematics – Numeracy (grades A*-C);
- Two A levels, or equivalent. This requirement must be met through the achievement of no more than three separate qualifications.