

WHAT IS...

A GCSE

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GCSE stands for General Certificate of Secondary Education.

Pupils usually study for their GCSEs for two years, starting at the beginning of year 10 and finishing at the end of year 11.

There are compulsory GCSE subjects that everyone must take. All other subjects taken at GCSE are optional.

How are GCSEs graded?

GCSEs are graded as follows:

- > Grade 9
- > Grade 8
- > Grade 7
- > Grade 6
- > Grade 5
- > Grade 4
- > Grade 3
- > Grade 2
- > Grade 1
- > Ungraded

Grade 9 is the highest grade you can get and ungraded means that the exam has been failed.

What subjects are compulsory?

- > The compulsory or core GCSE subjects are Mathematics, English and Science.
- > Some schools will also choose to make other subjects compulsory for their students.
- > All other subjects taken at GCSE are optional.

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What GCSEs will you study?

What are the compulsory GCSE subjects you will study?

What optional GCSE subjects would you like to study?

You could write down in the box below what GCSE subjects you have chosen.

Can you give a reason why you have chosen those subjects?

