



**Cardinal Griffin
Catholic College**

Parent Teacher Learner Partnership

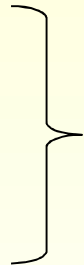
**Year 10
Upper Grammar**

Introduction

Structure of the GCSE Course and Options at Cardinal Griffin

Year 10

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RE GCSE-June 2016

Science Double or Triple Science

English GCSE English and English Literature

Mathematics GCSE course

Options

A range of GCSE and BTEC options started in September 2015, for completion in June 2017.

Pupil Progress and Standards at GCSE

Pupil progress is continually monitored during the year.

Five pupil grades (Working at Grade) will be shared with Learners and Parents during the year.

Year 10 Examinations

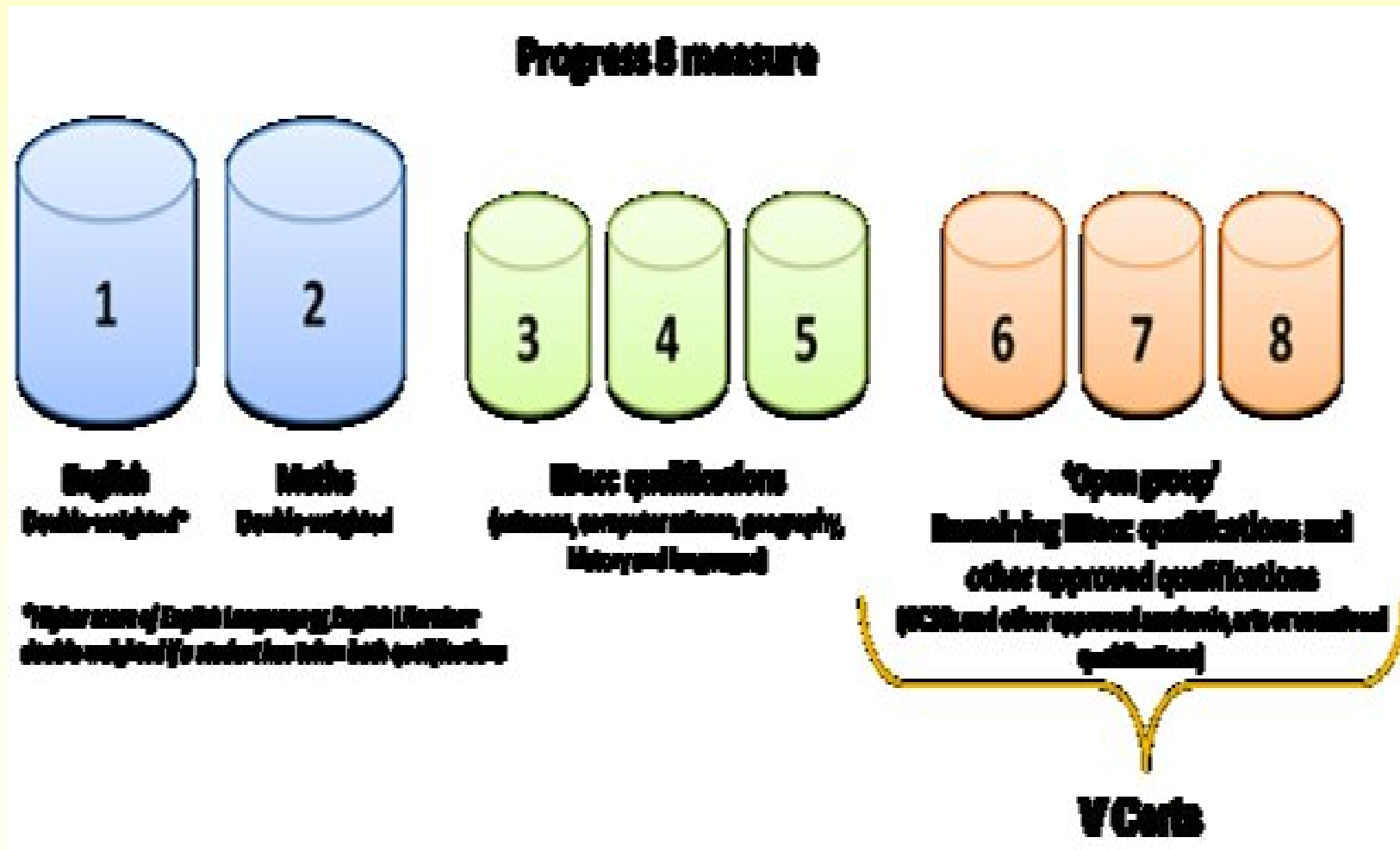
RE and Mathematics exams: *25-29 January 2016*

English Science and Options exams: *9-13 May 2016*

Year 10 Parents' Evening: *Monday 7 December 2015*

Year 10 Reports to Parents: *Friday 17 June 2016*

Progress 8



GCSE Points Score

Current Grade	Simplistic	Refined
A*	Half of A* becomes grade 9, the remainder grade 8	
A	Grade 7	Most would get grade 7 but some would be grade 6 and some grade 8.
B	Grade 6	Split between grades 5 and 6
C	Mostly Grade 4, some Grade 5	Split between grades 4 and 5
D	Grade 3	Mostly grade 3, some Grade 2
E	Grade 2	Grade 2
F	Grade 1	Grade 1
G		Mostly Grade 0, some Grade 1
U	Grade 0	Grade 0

Reporting Progress

Pupil progress reports will include:

- **Current Working At Grade (WAG)**

The grade that your son/daughter is most likely to achieve at the end of the course

This will be a 1–9 for English and Maths, A* - C for other subjects

- **Effort grade**

How well your son/daughter is working in that subject

- **Current progress**

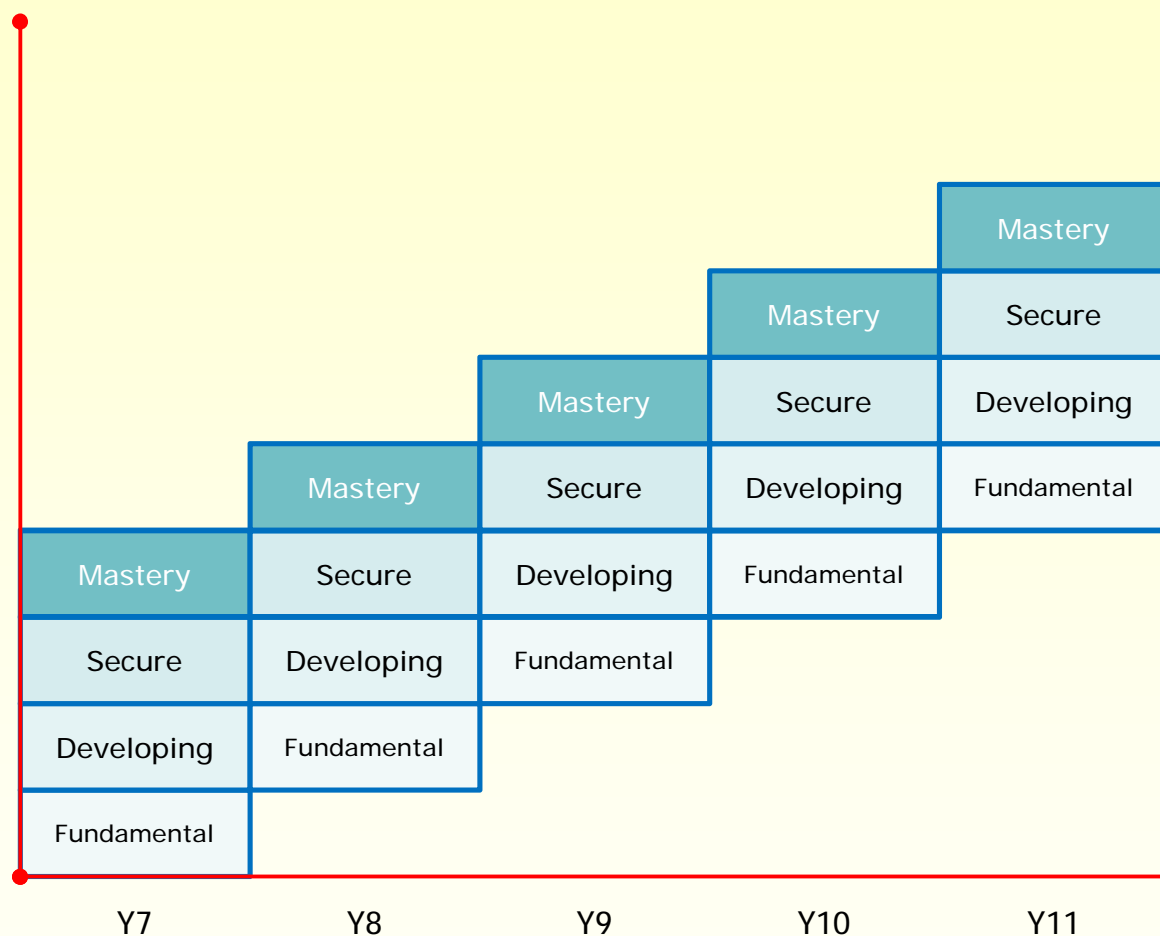
Highlights subjects where your son/daughter is working at 'expected', 'good' or 'emerging' progress

Reporting Progress

Subject	WAG	Effort	Current progress	Target
English Mrs Archer	A	Good	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof read your extended writing to reduce the number of grammatical errors.
Maths Mr Duffy	B	Good	Expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise your long division without a calculator.
Science Mr Ardin	B	Average	Expected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include greater detail in your conclusions after an experiment.
Art Mrs Harvey	D	Poor	Emerging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a personal sketch book to collate your research.
French Miss Dono	D	Average	Emerging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with a peer to practise your pronunciation of technical vocabulary.
PE Mrs Green	C	Poor	Emerging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise the correct techniques of key skills to improve your performance.

Ensuring Progress

- If a student makes **expected** progress from Y7 in the developing threshold they should achieve a GCSE 4 or 5 (C) in Y11
- Opportunity for all students to **rise** through the thresholds; **reviewed** at the end of each academic year



GCSE English

Examination Board – AQA

Available Grades

9-1

Structure of the Course

All students will do a GCSE in English Language and a GCSE in English Literature.

- **100%** of total mark – External Examination.

Key Exam Dates

- Students complete their GCSE English in the summer of 2017

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GCSE Mathematics

In Mathematics, pupils are in sets 1-6; this allows more specialist teaching to the ability of the pupils in the class.

The new GCSE course is examined by three one and a half hour examinations at the end of the course (two of which you are allowed to use a calculator). Pupils can sit either the Foundation (Grades 1-5) or Higher (Grades 3-9). Pupils follow a transition scheme of learning in Year 9 to prepare themselves for the new GCSE exam.

Decisions on tier of entry and exam board will be made based on mock examination results.

There is the possibility that some pupils will be entered for the last of the old specification GCSE in the Summer of Year 10 which is June 2016.

All pupils will take a Linear examination in year 10 that they can upgrade in Year 11.

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GCSE Religious Education

Structure of the Course

RE (2RSO1)

Unit 10 Roman Catholic Christianity (Studied in Year 9)

Unit 3 Religion and Life based on a Study of Roman Catholic Christianity
(Studied in Year 10)

Key Exam and Coursework Dates

- 100% Exam
- Year 10 - Summer 2017
- Each exam 1½ hours
- Grades A*-G

Revision Guides

Will be available in school once published

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GCSE Science

Examination Board: Edexcel

Available Grades: A*-G

Science Courses in Years 10-11

- Double Science (2 GCSEs) or Triple Science (3 GCSEs)

Key Exam Dates

- Students complete their GCSE Science in the summer of 2017

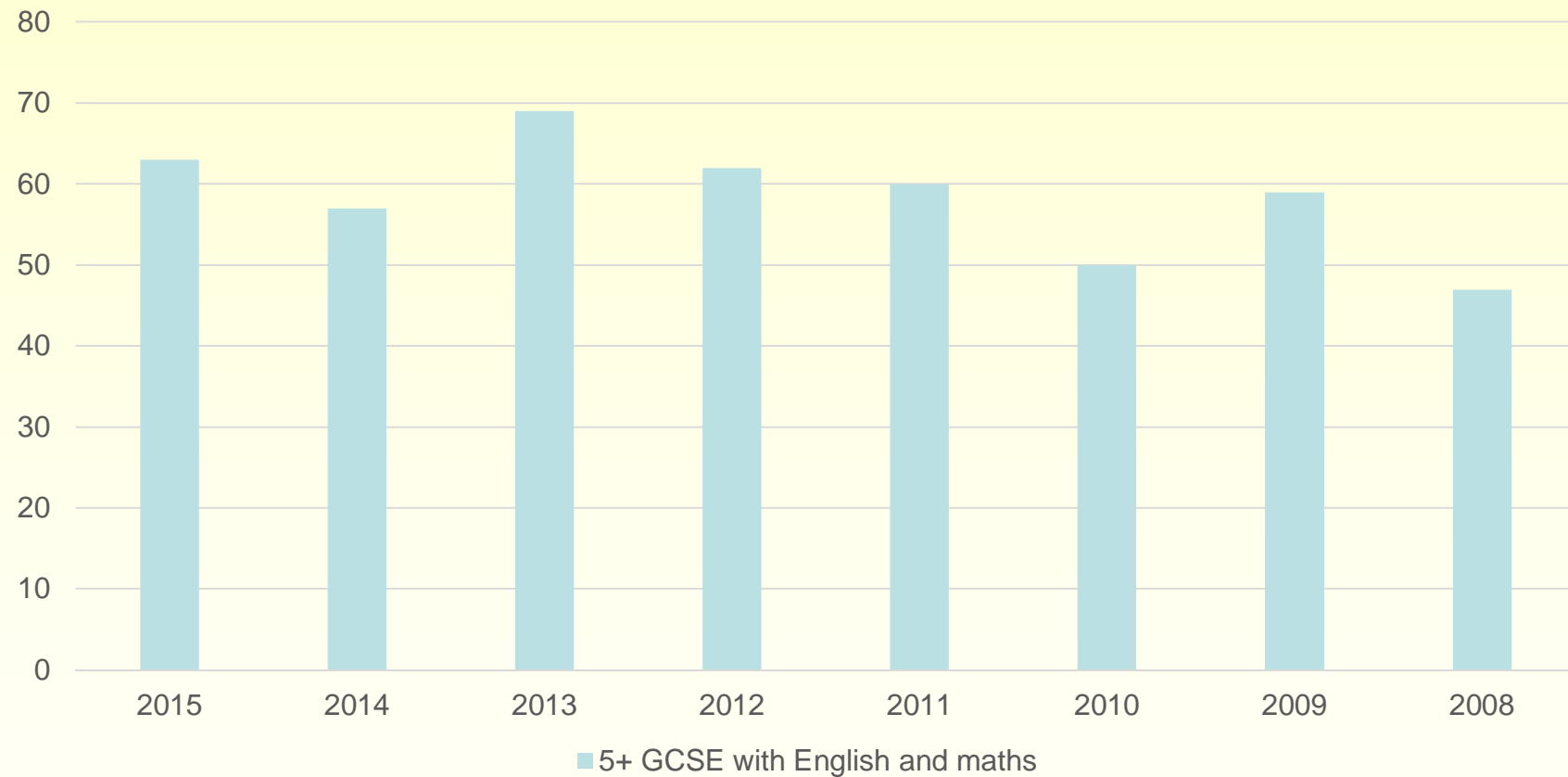
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Year 11 Attainment at GCSE

5+ GCSE with English and Maths



Ofsted Parent View

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. The browser's address bar also shows several open tabs: "P.ARCH...", "its itslearni...", "Groupo...", "Welcom...", "(1) ofste...", "Cardinal...", and "Welc...". Below the address bar, there are navigation links: "RD Web Access", "Reflection Symmetry", "Suggested Sites", and "Web Slice Gallery".

The main content area of the website features the "Parent View" logo with the tagline "Your child's school" and the Ofsted logo. A navigation menu includes "Home", "Give your views", "Parent View results", "Link to us", and "Contact Us". A link to "Return to the main Ofsted website" is also present. The slogan "Raising standards, improving lives" is displayed on the right side.

The central graphic is titled "Welcome to Parent View" and depicts silhouettes of a family. A thought bubble from a parent says "We can make a difference!". Another thought bubble from a child asks "Are the kids happy at school?". To the left, there are four interlocking puzzle pieces in green, orange, pink, and blue, with the text "Parent View" on the orange piece.

Feedback from Year 9 Lower Grammar PTLP

Parents comment	The response by the college
Need to improve communication with parents.	We hope to do better with changes to the web-site. We are always open to further suggestions.
Homework needs to be of a consistent amount each week.	We agree, hence the homework timetable. I would expect a pupil in 7 Rudiments to spend 30-45 minutes each night, five nights in the week on homework, with 8 Figures and 9 Lower Grammar on 60 minutes. Upper Grammar and Syntax could expect to spend up to 90 minutes on homework.
Find getting in touch with the school very difficult, can never get through and messages not returned.	If you struggle to get through to the college, use the e-mail: office@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk or admin@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk . We will always try to acknowledge an e-mail within 24 hours, a response will depend on the extent to the issue.