

Consultation on GCSE Grading

Response Booklet

Name:	(optional)		
Please tick the box that best describes you as a respondent:			
Pupil	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the public	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Union rep	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If Other please specify:			
Name of School (if applicable):			
School Reference Number (if applicable):			

The Department may make responses available on the website www.deni.gov.uk, although contact names and addresses would be removed.

Please note that under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (Annex A) your response may be made available, on request, to the public.

If you would prefer your response to remain confidential, please tick this box

Comments and responses should be submitted by **19 June 2015** to:

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or

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Q1a: To what extent do you agree or disagree that GCSEs developed by CCEA should continue to use alphabetic grades A* to G?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know

Q1b: Please provide more information about why you agree / disagree in support of your answer.

Q2a: To what extent do you agree or disagree that GCSEs developed by CCEA should use grades 9 to 1?

1	2	3	4	5	6
Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know

Q2b: Please provide more information about why you agree / disagree in support of your answer.

Q3a: Are there any particular groups/ people that you believe are likely to be affected by proposals outlined in this consultation document? (please tick as appropriate)

Category	(Y/N)
1. persons of different religious belief	
2. persons of different political opinion	
3. persons of different racial group	
4. persons of different age	
5. persons of different marital status	
6. persons of different sexual orientation	
7. men and women generally	
8. persons with a disability and persons without	
9. persons with dependants and persons without	

Q3b: Please provide more information in support of your answer

Q4: Overall - Any other comments?

ANNEX A - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONSULTATIONS

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- the Department should not agree to hold information received from third parties "in confidence" which is not confidential in nature;
- acceptance by the Department of confidentiality provisions must be for good reasons, capable of being justified to the Information Commissioner.

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