

UCAS GRADE POLICY 2026

Audience	All stakeholders – staff, students, trustees, members, parents and carers
Status / review cycle	Annual
Current review	March 2026
Next review	March 2027
Review committee	Curriculum Management
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Introduction

The College aims to be consistent and optimistic when predicting student UCAS Grades. The UCAS Grade is what we believe a student will be likely to achieve by the end of their course in positive circumstances and should therefore be aspirational but achievable.

However, the College has a responsibility to ensure that our UCAS Grades are not excessively optimistic as this is not in the best interests of the College or our students. In addition, UCAS Grades are commonly entered at the half-way point of a course. Therefore, with further academic development students can exceed their UCAS grade, and conversely, they may not always achieve their UCAS grade. The College UCAS Grades Policy is consistent with external UCAS guidance, please see [link](#) for further information.

A level

A level UCAS Grades will be based upon student achievement in internal assessments including their 6.1 Summer Assessment, prior attainment at GCSE, 6.1 in-year performance and the professional judgement of subject teachers. When deciding whether to increase a UCAS Grade above the grade obtained in a student's 6.1 Formal Exams, subject teachers will use individual performance data as evidence of student potential to inform their final judgement. UCAS Grades will be published via the Student Database and Parent & Carer Portal on 24th June. If significant and evidenced academic progress has been achieved over the summer period, where appropriate, subject areas may further increase UCAS grades up until 13th November. There will be no changes to UCAS grades before the summer break.

BTEC

BTEC UCAS Grades are based on internally assessed coursework and externally assessed exams completed in their 6.1 year. The UCAS Grade will be published via the Student Database and Parent & Carer Portal on 24th June. When deciding whether to increase a UCAS Grade above performance at 6.1, subject teachers will use prior attainment at GCSE and unit performance data to inform their final judgement. If significant and evidenced academic progress has been achieved over the summer period, where appropriate, subject areas may further increase UCAS grades up until 13th November. There will be no changes to UCAS grades before the summer break.

One-Year Courses

Student enrolled on one-year courses will have a UCAS grade predicted in the Autumn term, and by 13th November at the latest, based on a student's most recent level of progress. UCAS grades for the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) will be in line with the highest UCAS grade from the student's core subjects.