

# GCSE grade boundaries, June 2026: AQA, Edexcel and OCR side by side

Minimum raw marks from the three boards' June 2026 documents (published 20 August 2026). Maximum marks differ by board. Boundaries are set after marking so that the same grade means the same standard on each paper; a lower boundary means a harder paper.

## Maths, Higher tier (grades 9 to 3)

| Board (max)        | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5  | 4  | 3  |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Edexcel 1MA1 (240) | 208 | 177 | 146 | 114 | 82 | 50 | 34 |
| AQA 8300 (240)     | 219 | 192 | 166 | 131 | 97 | 63 | 46 |
| OCR J560 (300)     | 264 | 217 | 170 | 132 | 94 | 57 | 38 |

## Maths, Foundation tier (grades 5 to 1)

| Board (max)   | 5   | 4   | 3   | 2  | 1  |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Edexcel (240) | 181 | 151 | 110 | 69 | 29 |
| AQA (240)     | 187 | 154 | 115 | 76 | 38 |
| OCR (300)     | 183 | 133 | 96  | 59 | 23 |

## English Language and English Literature (max 160, grades 9 to 1)

| Board and subject               | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Edexcel English Language 1EN0   | 132 | 123 | 115 | 105 | 96 | 87 | 67 | 47 | 27 |
| AQA English Language 8700       | 122 | 112 | 103 | 93  | 84 | 75 | 55 | 35 | 16 |
| OCR English Language J351       | 132 | 121 | 110 | 98  | 86 | 75 | 58 | 42 | 26 |
| Edexcel English Literature 1ET0 | 136 | 126 | 116 | 102 | 88 | 75 | 56 | 37 | 18 |
| AQA English Literature 8702     | 142 | 127 | 113 | 97  | 81 | 66 | 49 | 33 | 17 |
| OCR English Literature J352     | 135 | 119 | 104 | 85  | 66 | 47 | 35 | 24 | 13 |

## The separate sciences, Higher tier (grades 9 to 3)

| Board and subject (max) | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5   | 4  | 3  |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Edexcel Biology (200)   | 170 | 158 | 147 | 126 | 105 | 84 | 73 |
| AQA Biology (200)       | 133 | 120 | 107 | 88  | 70  | 52 | 43 |
| OCR Biology A (180)     | 141 | 131 | 121 | 103 | 86  | 69 | 60 |
| Edexcel Chemistry (200) | 165 | 146 | 127 | 103 | 79  | 55 | 43 |
| AQA Chemistry (200)     | 155 | 137 | 120 | 94  | 68  | 43 | 30 |
| OCR Chemistry A (180)   | 163 | 151 | 139 | 118 | 97  | 76 | 65 |
| Edexcel Physics (200)   | 163 | 148 | 134 | 113 | 92  | 71 | 60 |
| AQA Physics (200)       | 157 | 142 | 128 | 107 | 87  | 67 | 57 |
| OCR Physics A (180)     | 152 | 141 | 131 | 114 | 97  | 80 | 71 |

# Combined Science, the options, and the 9 to 1 scale

## Combined Science, Higher tier (double award, selected grades)

| Board (max)              | 9-9 | 8-8 | 7-7 | 6-6 | 5-5 | 4-4     | 4-3 |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|
| Edexcel 1SC0 (360)       | 282 | 251 | 221 | 183 | 145 | see doc |     |
| AQA Trilogy 8464 (420)   | 298 | 262 | 228 | 188 | 149 | 111     | 101 |
| OCR Gateway A J250 (360) | 275 | 248 | 222 | 188 | 154 | 121     | 113 |

## Options (grades 9 to 1)

| Board and subject (max)        | 9   | 8   | 7   | 6   | 5   | 4   | 3  | 2  | 1  |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| Edexcel Geography A (256)      | 207 | 191 | 176 | 158 | 140 | 123 | 89 | 55 | 22 |
| AQA Geography (252)            | 204 | 185 | 166 | 148 | 130 | 112 | 82 | 53 | 24 |
| OCR Geography B (200)          | 157 | 145 | 133 | 119 | 106 | 93  | 68 | 43 | 19 |
| Edexcel Business (180)         | 147 | 136 | 125 | 110 | 95  | 81  | 58 | 35 | 12 |
| AQA Business (180)             | 133 | 124 | 115 | 102 | 89  | 77  | 55 | 34 | 13 |
| OCR Business (160)             | 128 | 118 | 108 | 95  | 82  | 70  | 51 | 32 | 14 |
| Edexcel Computer Science (150) | 118 | 103 | 88  | 74  | 60  | 46  | 33 | 20 | 8  |
| OCR Computer Science (160)     | 141 | 132 | 124 | 108 | 92  | 77  | 56 | 35 | 14 |
| Edexcel Psychology (180)       | 124 | 111 | 99  | 86  | 73  | 60  | 44 | 29 | 14 |
| AQA Psychology (200)           | 168 | 154 | 141 | 122 | 104 | 86  | 62 | 38 | 14 |
| OCR Psychology (180)           | 146 | 135 | 124 | 109 | 94  | 80  | 61 | 42 | 23 |

## The 9 to 1 scale

| Grade | What it is                                                                                              | Old grade       |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9     | The top grade, above the old A*                                                                         | above A*        |
| 7     | Bottom of 7 = bottom of the old A (Ofqual)                                                              | A               |
| 5     | 'Strong pass' (DfE)                                                                                     | low B to high C |
| 4     | 'Standard pass'; bottom of 4 = bottom of the old C; without a 4 in English and maths the student resits | C               |
| 1     | Bottom of 1 = bottom of the old G                                                                       | G               |

## The 2026 results and the 2027 dates

[ ] England, 2026: 5,720,045 GCSE results; 67.0% at grade 4 or above; 21.8% at grade 7 or above (Ofqual, 20 August 2026)

[ ] Boundaries are published at 8am on results day: A level Thursday 12 August 2027, GCSE Thursday 19 August 2027; none exist before then

[ ] Mark mocks with your own board's latest June boundaries, not a percentage, and plan ten marks clear of the grade needed

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