



The Portsmouth Grammar School

Notes on Grades for Sixth Form Parents

- Grades for effort and attainment are awarded half termly. They are based only on performance in the current half term.
- Effort grades are the same in each year group. All pupils are expected to perform at Level C and above. The top grade, A, represents about 20% of grades awarded. D grades indicate cause for serious concern and are unlikely to be awarded to more than 10%, and frequently less, of the Year Group.
- In the Sixth Form the attainment grades indicate that performance in that half term is of the standard expected of a pupil working towards the equivalent examination grade shown in the tables below; however, attainment grades cannot be and are not intended as predictions, which are given separately at appropriate times.
- Tutors should discuss grades with their tutees during tutor period each half term, and all queries about grades should be directed to tutors in the first instance.
- As part of this process, pupils provide a brief self assessment for their tutor and this accompanies where appropriate.
- Senior staff review the academic and pastoral welfare of each pupil at Care List meetings at the start of each half term. Staff concerns regarding grades are discussed at the meeting, and parents of those pupils whose names are newly added to the List or whose performance is a continuing cause for particular concern are then contacted as appropriate.

For A level pupils

Attainment	1	2	3	4	5	6
A Level equivalent	A*	A	B	C	D	E and below

For IB pupils

Attainment	1	2	3	4	5	6
IB equivalent	7 points	6 points	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points and below