

## GCSE Grades

### Scaled Scores and SATs

When a student joins The Marches School, they come to us with data from their previous school. This comes in the form of KS2 SATs. If a student was absent at the time of the KS2 SATs then their teacher will provide us with teacher assessment grades.

### How are GCSE grades produced?

As a school we use an organisation called Fischer Family Trust (FFT) to produce GCSE grades based on performance at Key Stage 2. The FFT estimate student achievement and provides data and analysis to all schools and LAs in England and Wales. FFT profiles students and produces an estimate based on what a student with a similar profile at KS2 achieved at the end of Year 11, in the top 20% of schools in the country.

The estimates of future performance are generally shown in two forms:

- the 'chance' of attaining a range of individual grades (e.g. 40% chance of attaining a GCSE grade 6 or a 20% chance of attaining a grade 7)
- the most likely grade based on the level or grade achieved by more than 50% of pupils

Grades are set using KS2 assessment data processed by the FFT. Our minimum GCSE grades are designed to ensure all students make AT LEAST expected progress, as far as this can be estimated. Estimates are used by teachers to inform the setting of ambitious and aspirational grades for students.

A range of grades are shared with students. Our minimum GCSE grade comes from the expected grade for the school to be in the top 20% of schools. It is this grade that is used for all internal monitoring of a student's performance.

Poor GCSE grade – one grade lower than the minimum GCSE grade

Good GCSE grade – one grade higher (where possible) than the minimum GCSE grade

Exceptional GCSE grade – two grades higher (where possible) than the minimum GCSE grade

### **Example:**

For this child the grade most achieved by similar students is a 6 (26%) however, there is a 32% chance of doing better than 6.

GCSE grades are adjusted for year 10 in October.

