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Dear Parents/ Carers,

**GCSE Qualifications Review**

I hope you and your families are well. In relation to the recent announcement from the Department for Education, Sport and Culture (DESC) regarding GCSE courses graded 9-1, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight how this will affect the students at Ramsey Grammar School. We are delighted that DESC have made the decision to allow schools the choice of which examination board we will follow, including English boards, whose examinations are graded 9-1.

Since September subject teams have been reviewing the qualifications on offer at Ramsey Grammar School. The alterations that are pertinent to you are:

- All the Island's Science departments have made the decision to adopt Edexcel GCSE
- The Ramsey Grammar School History department is moving to Edexcel International GCSE

This is to take effect from September 2022, for current Year 9 students. All other subjects will stay with their current course. There will be no change to qualifications studied by current Year 10 or 11. Updated information on these courses can be found in the updated [Year 9 options booklet](#).

The move to a different examination board will not mean a change in outcome for individual students, all qualifications are of broadly similar difficulty. However, with a choice of examination boards, our teachers have identified courses that best meet the needs of our students and ones which we believe we are best placed to deliver.

GCSEs in Science and History will be graded 9-1 for our current Year 9 students, with 9 being the highest grade and 1 the lowest, whereas other GCSE qualifications will be graded A\*-G. An equivalence table and frequently asked questions can be found for these grades on the [DESC signpost website](#).

If you require any further information, please request this via [rgsenquiries@sch.im](mailto:rgsenquiries@sch.im).

Yours sincerely

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