

## National Curriculum Level vs. Trinity Grade conversion sheet (for teachers staging performances at the Shakespeare Schools Festival)

Please note: For students younger than 8, please contact Trinity for guidance on their level of entry.

Age of Child	National Curriculum Level	Suggested Trinity Grade
<b>Primary School Key Stage 2</b>		
8 (End of Year 3)	Exceptional: Level 4 Beyond Expectation: Level 3A/4 Expected: Level 2A - 3B	Grade 1 Grade 1 Grade 1
9 (End of Year 4)	Exceptional: Level 5 Beyond Expectation: Level 4 Expected: Level 3	Grade 2 Grade 1 Grade 1
10 (End of Year 5)	Exceptional: Level 5A - 6 Beyond Expectation: Level 4B - 5B Expected: Level 3B - 4C	Grade 2 Grade 1/2 Grade 1
11 (End of Year 6)	Exceptional: Level 6 Beyond Expectation: Level 5 Expected: Level 4	Grade 2/3 Grade 2 Grade 2
<b>Secondary School Key Stage 3</b>		
12 (End of Year 7)	Exceptional: Level 7 Beyond Expectation: Level 6 Expected: Level 5	Grade 3 Grade 2 Grade 2
13 (End of Year 8)	Exceptional: Level 8 Beyond Expectation: Level 7 Expected: Level 6	Grade 4 Grade 3 Grade 3
14 (End of Year 9)	Exceptional: Level EP* Beyond Expectation: Level 7 Expected: Level 6	Grade 5 Grade 4 Grade 3
<b>Secondary School Key Stage 4</b>		
15 (End of Year 10) <i>GCSE</i>	Exceptional: Predicted A*/A Beyond Expectation: B Expected: C <small>Based on English Grades, not all schools will do Drama GCSE.</small>	Grade 6 Grade 5 Grade 4
16 (End of Year 11) <i>GCSE</i>	Exceptional: Predicted A*/A Beyond Expectation: B Expected: C <small>Based on English Grades, not all schools will do Drama GCSE.</small>	Grade 7 Grade 6 Grade 5
<b>Secondary/6<sup>th</sup> Form Key Stage 5</b>		
17 (End of Year 12) <i>AS LEVEL</i>	Exceptional: 51.0 - 57+ Beyond Expectation: 45.9 - 50.9 Expected: 38.9 - 45.8 <small>Based on 10xGCSEs</small>	Grade 8 Grade 7 Grade 6
18 (End of Year 13) <i>A2 LEVEL</i>	Exceptional: 4x A grade Beyond Expectation: 4x B grade Expected: 4x C grade <small>Based on AS results at the end of Year 12</small>	Grade 8 Grade 8 Grade 7

The levels are sub divided into A, B and C. For example: Level 4A is the highest level of 4 when you get to 5C.

They are defined as:

A = Child has reached top of the level and is working towards the next level

B = Working well within the level

C = Child has started to work at this level

\*EP - Exceptional Performer level

**Calculating average point score: This is done from a student's outcome at GCSE.**

If the candidate/teacher says I have achieved 4x B and 6x C grade at GCSE = 424 points, divide by 10 = Av. Point Score of 42.4 which would place them in **the 'Expected'** category and so guide them to do Grade 6 at this level.

Grade to Point conversion

Grade	Points
A*	58
A	52
B	46
C	40
D	34
E	28
F	22
G	16

Please note:

These recommendations are based on the National Curriculum in the UK; on an international level you can use the age as a guide rather than the National curriculum levels. Students may be talented Drama performers and not necessarily excelling academically so please use your professional judgement when selecting a grade.