

# Quick guide to A-level A\* grades

**Advanced Subsidiary (AS) subject award** - there is no A\* grade available for AS subject awards.

**A-level subject award** (excluding 6361 Mathematics and 6371 Further Mathematics)

Students gain A\* if they meet these two requirements:

1. have enough uniform marks in total to gain grade A
2. achieve 90% or more of the maximum uniform mark on the subtotal of their A2 units.

Our specifications consist of two, four or six units. The table below shows the UMS values for the two requirements.

Requirement	2 unit award (1 A2 unit)	4 unit award (2 A2 units)	6 unit award (3 A2 units)
1. Total uniform mark is enough for grade A	<b>160</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>480</b>
2. Subtotal of A2 uniform marks is at least 90% of the maximum	<b>90</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>270</b>

**A-level with AS subject award (nine-unit award)**

Students gain A\*A if they meet these two requirements:

1. have a minimum of 720 uniform marks in total to gain grade AA
2. achieve 90% (270) or more of the maximum uniform mark on the subtotal of their three A2 units.

**A-level double subject award**

Students gain A\*A\* if they meet these two requirements:

1. have a minimum of 960 uniform marks in total to gain grade AA
2. achieve 90% (540) or more of the maximum uniform mark on the subtotal of their six A2 units.

Students who don't gain A\*A\* can gain A\*A if they meet these two requirements:

1. have a minimum of 960 uniform marks in total to gain grade AA
2. achieve 90% (270) or more of the maximum uniform mark on the subtotal of their **best three** A2 units.

**A-level 6361 Mathematics and 6371 Further Mathematics**

Students gain A\* in 6361 Mathematics if they meet these two requirements:

1. have a minimum of 480 uniform marks in total to gain grade A
2. achieve 90% (180) or more of the maximum uniform mark on the subtotal of units MPC3 + MPC4.

Students gain A\* in 6371 Further Mathematics if they meet these two requirements:

1. have a minimum of 480 uniform marks in total to gain grade A
2. achieve 90% (270) or more of the maximum uniform mark on the subtotal of their best three A2 units.

Where students enter both Mathematics and Further Mathematics in the same series, we will always maximise the **grade** for Mathematics whilst leaving a valid combination remaining for Further Mathematics.