

# Benchmark Update - England KS4

Key Stage 4, all qualifications

Updated 2020/21 benchmarks for GCSEs and Level 1/2 BTEC and Cambridge Nationals will be in Connect Interactive from Results Day. We have created the new benchmarks from the full national dataset supplied annually by the Department for Education.

The purpose of this short briefing paper is to provide some headline information about the new Minimum Expected Grades that have been generated from these new benchmarks.

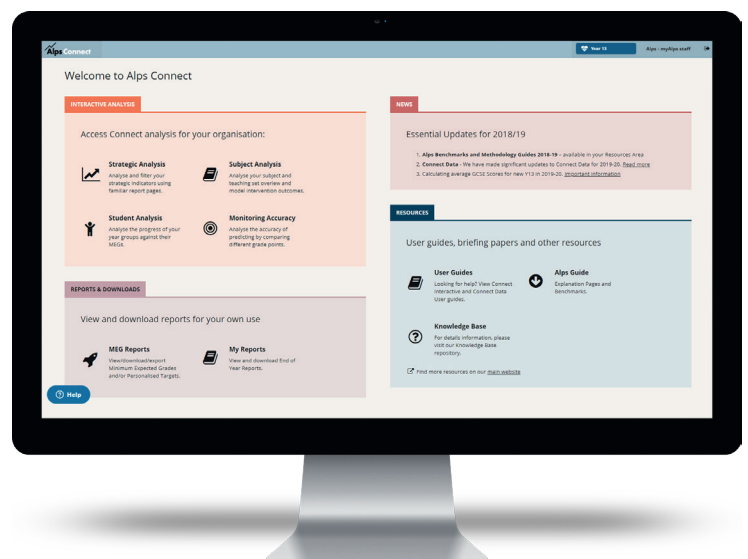
## Headline changes:

**Minimum Expected Grades (MEGs) for End of Year 2020 and Monitoring 2020/21**

The headline news for all qualifications is that where we have re-benchmarked, there is little change in the Expected Points for each prior attainment band, which has meant little or no change in the Minimum Expected Grades (MEGs) for each band or relative band.

This means that if you have been monitoring your current Year 11 students across the year, your progress indicators should remain very similar and allow you to review your Centre Assessed Grades against your Calculated Results in August.

There are some minor changes to the MEGs for both L1/2 Cambridge Nationals and BTECs.



## Publication of full Benchmarks

We will publish full benchmark tables and subject thermometers in our updated 2020/21 Alps Guide, available in the Resources section on your Connect Homepage from August.

## Scaled Scores in Connect Interactive

You can input your Scaled Scores into Connect Data for your Year 10 students. Table 1 shows the comparison of bands between Scaled Scores and Fine Grades. We have analysed DfE Scaled Score national data from 2016 onwards to generate these band ranges. You can read more about our Scaled Score development

<https://alps.education/news/aspirational-target-setting-for-students-with-ks2-scaled-scores/>

## Key Stage 4 MEGs 2019/20

Table 1 shows the updated MEGs and points that will be used for the End of Year Report and Connect Interactive analysis of the Calculated Grade outcomes for Summer 2020. These MEGs and points will be used in Connect Interactive for monitoring across 2020/21. The final column is the comparison with the 2019 MEGs. There are no changes to the MEGs

*Table 1*

	Band	KS2 Scaled Score	GCSE Minimum Expected Points	9-1 MEGs	Double Award MEGs	Cam Nat Minimum Expected Points	Cam Nat MEGs	BTEC First Minimum Expected Points	BTEC First MEGs
1	5.67+	115+	7.67	9/8	9-8	7.00	D*2	8.50	D*
2	5.33 -< 5.67	110-<115	6.52	7	7-6	6.00	D2	7.56	D*/D
3	5.00 -< 5.33	107-<110	5.51	6	6-5	5.31	D2	6.70	D
4	4.67 -< 5.00	104-<107	4.63	5	5-5	4.65	M2	5.92	D/M
5	4.33 -< 4.67	100-<104	3.94	5/4	5-4	4.08	M2	5.38	M
6	4.00 -< 4.33	96-<100	3.42	4	4-3	3.68	P2	4.96	M/P
7	3.67 -< 4.00	94-<96	3.05	3	3-3	3.50	P2	4.75	M/P
8	3.33 -< 3.67	91-<94	2.83	3	3-3	3.05	P2	4.50	M/P
9	3.00 -< 3.33	89-<91	2.65	3	3-2	2.75	D1	4.38	P
10	0.00 -< 3.00	80-<89	2.34	2	2-2	2.33	M1	3.81	P

Main changes to note:

1. GCSE MEGs for top prior attainment band have increased to 9/8 (9-8 for Double Award) to reflect greater aspiration.
2. Band 10 in the Cambridge National MEGs has dropped from D1 to M1
3. For BTEC prior attainment bands 6 & 7 the MEGs have dropped to M/P rather than M in 2019.

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