

Appendix E

Glossary

Thresholds represent a volume, or 'size', of qualifications at a specific level on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Three thresholds have been established:

- Level 1 – a volume of qualifications at Level 1 equivalent to the volume of 5 GCSEs at grade A*-G
- Level 2 – a volume of qualifications at Level 2 equivalent to the volume of 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C
- Level 2 inclusive – five GCSEs at A*-C inclusive of English/Welsh and Mathematics
- Level 3 – a volume of qualifications at Level 3 equivalent to the volume of 2 A levels at grade A*-E

The 'Capped 9' score is calculated using the best nine results for each pupil, with subject specific requirements in English/Welsh, Mathematics, Mathematics-Numeracy and Science.

What is the average GCE point score for A levels?

The average points score is calculated by assigning each level a certain number of points: an A* grade scores 300 points, A 270, B 240, C 210, D 180, E 150. Schools are also ranked by the average points score per student when the values for all their results are aggregated and then averaged by the number of qualifications they have taken.