At Stokesley we offer a range of vocational qualifications in year 10 and 11 to complement our more traditional GCSE courses. These are currently available in child development, creative imedia, engineering, health and social care, hospitality, IT and - in y11 only - materials technology. These courses are not easier options, but instead offer a more work-related programme that is assessed throughout rather than wholly at the end. Students complete portfolio work through the two years of study with an external exam that all goes towards deciding their final grade.

Vocational courses do not use the same grading system of 9 - 1 like GCSEs. Instead they use a pass, merit, distinction grading system, although the exact number of grades differs between qualification. The equivalence between these and GCSEs (old and new) are shown below. The brackets show how these appear on students reports.

Old GCSE Grade (no longer used)	New GCSE Grade	Child Development Creative imedia Health and Social Care Y10 Engineering	Hospitality Y11 Engineering	Materials Technology
A*	9	Level 2 Distinction* (L2S*)	Level 2 Distinction* (L2S*)	Level 2 Distinction* (L2S*)
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A	7	Level 2 Distinction (L2D)	Level 2 Distinction (L2D)	Level 2 Distinction (L2D)
B	6	Level 2 Merit (L2M)	Level 2 Merit (L2M)	Level 2 Merit (L2M)
B/C	5			
C	4	Level 2 Pass (L2P)	Level 2 Pass (L2P)	Level 2 Pass (L2P)
D	3	Level 1 Distinction (L1D)		Level 1 Advanced Credit (L1AC)
E	2	Level 1 Merit (L1M)	Level 1 Pass (L1P)	Level 1 Credit (L1C)
F/G	1	Level 1 Pass (L1P)		
U	U	Fail (F)	Fail (F)	Fail (F)