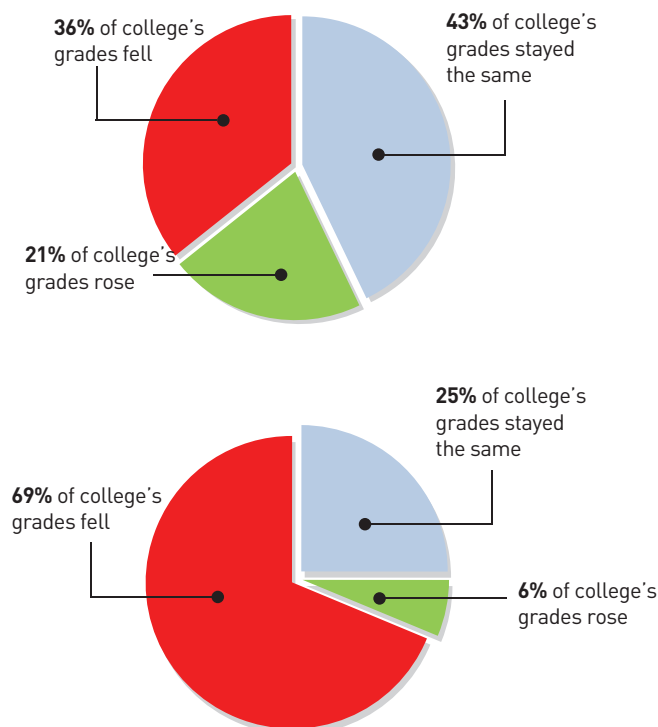


# FE Week gets technical ~ Ofsted grades v2

FE Week has updated analysis of college Ofsted grades since October 2011, to include Derby College, Petroc and Derwentside College. The figures below show the majority of colleges inspected have seen the grade fall, particularly since the start of 2012.



## Matthew Coffey, Director at Ofsted, responds to FE Week analysis



I read with interest the article in FE week on a sample of colleges from the 157 group and their inspection judgements.

The first, and most important, point to make is that the inspection framework (CIF) has not changed. The article sug-

gests that a new common inspection framework was introduced in September 2011. It wasn't. We are introducing a new CIF in September 2012. Our final public consultation on the new framework has just closed and we are planning to publish it at the end of the month.

It may of course be entirely correct that colleges are being inspected for the first time under the 2009 framework. I also accept that our approach to the selection of providers for inspection has changed since 2009.

In 2009/10 around a quarter of providers were selected for inspection based on our published risk assessment process.

This increased to around half of provid-

ers in 2010/11 but excluded outstanding providers.

**"Selected analysis over a short timeframe will not give a fair representation of the state of the nation"**

This year we have maintained the selection ratio although outstanding providers have also been assessed, and indeed some have been selected for inspection.

The consequence of this proportionate approach to inspection must not be underestimated. Selected analysis over a short timeframe will not give a fair representation of the state of the nation.

However, this should not detract from the key messages coming out of inspections at the moment. Teaching and learning continues to be a key issue as does the rigor of self-assessment.

I won't attempt to write an annual report in this space but instead direct you to our quarterly published data which can be found on our website.

Individual published inspection reports explain the evidence behind our grades. Reports also contain details on how providers can improve.

College	Inspection Grade since Oct 11	Inspection date	Previous inspection grade	Inspection date	Total increase or decrease
Derby College	3	30-Mar-12	2	16-Nov-07	-1
Petroc	2	19-Mar-12	1	09-Oct-07	-1
Derwentside College	2	19-Mar-12	2	22-Sep-08	0
Great Yarmouth College	3	16-Mar-12	4	12-Nov-10	1
North Warwickshire & Hinckley College	2	16-Mar-12	1	29-Oct-07	-1
Kensington & Chelsea College	3	09-Mar-12	2	26-Feb-07	-1
Stratford-upon-Avon College	3	02-Mar-12	2	05-Mar-07	-1
Lewisham College	3	02-Mar-12	1	24-Apr-06	-2
City of Wolverhampton College	4	20-Feb-12	2	10-Dec-07	-2
Lambeth College	4	20-Feb-12	2	25-Feb-08	-2
Macclesfield College	4	20-Feb-12	1	25-Sep-06	-3
Knowsley Community College	4	06-Feb-12	2	25-Feb-08	-2
Brooklands College	3	06-Feb-12	3	05-Oct-09	0
Canterbury College	3	30-Jan-12	3	01-Oct-07	0
South Essex College of Further and Higher Education	3	30-Jan-12	2	12-May-08	-1
Wiltshire College	3	16-Jan-12	3	08-Oct-07	0
Peterborough Regional College	2	12-Dec-11	3	14-Apr-08	1
Southwark College	4	05-Dec-11	3	15-Mar-10	-1
K-College	3	05-Dec-11	2	27-Feb-06	-1
Askham Bryan College	2	05-Dec-11	3	01-Oct-07	1
Burton and South Derbyshire College	2	05-Dec-11	2	26-Nov-07	0
Henshaws College	2	22-Nov-11	2	21-Mar-06	0
Sussex Coast College Hastings	4	21-Nov-11	3	12-May-08	-1
Stephenson College	3	21-Nov-11	2	04-Dec-06	-1
Bishop Auckland College	2	21-Nov-11	2	26-Nov-07	0
Plumpton College	2	21-Nov-11	2	04-Jun-07	0
Kidderminster	3	14-Nov-11	2	30-Mar-09	-1
Farnborough College of Technology	1	14-Nov-11	3	26-Nov-07	2
Central Bedfordshire College (Formerly Dunstable College)	3	07-Nov-11	3	28-Apr-08	0
Shrewsbury College	3	31-Oct-11	3	28-Jan-08	0

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