## Understanding educational inequalities in 2020



EDUCATION

INSTITUTE

POLICY

Exams were replaced by teacher assessments

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Consequently, 2020 saw widespread grade increases



The gap in GCSE grades between disadvantaged pupils and their peers is large and mostly unchanged in recent years

 1.24 grades

 Disadvantaged

## For persisently disadvantaged pupils, the gap is even larger still



16-19 Education: Applied general students lost out by 1 grade across their qualifications in comparison to similar A level students



All qualification types saw grade increases but applied general grading saw fewer gains from the move to teacher assessed grades because they are partly based on ongoing assessment and have a different grading structure There are more students in long term poverty



