

Year 8

Assessment and Reporting Information Evening

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Overview of Evening

- **Understanding Target Grades**
 - How they are determined
 - What are their purpose
- **Assessing and Reporting Student Progress**
 - Purpose of summative assessments
 - How we assess students' attainment and progress
 - Student Academic Progress Reports
- **Preparing and Supporting our Students**
 - Academic Support
 - Pastoral Support
 - Parent/Carer Support



Understanding Target Grades

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What is Target Grade?

- An aspirational but realistic level of attainment each student should be aiming to achieve
- Intended to provide students, parents and teachers with a means of measuring progress over time



How are Target Grades set for GCSE?

- In KS4, like other schools in England we use the DfE Attainment 8 Tables to gauge the progress that students should be making based on their Prior Attainment
- We look at how students nationally achieve at KS4 compared to their KS2 starting points and use this information to set KS4 GCSE Target Grades for our students.
- These KS4 GCSE Targets are then used to inform our end of year targets for students across each year of study.



What prior attainment are these based upon?

- For Year 8, students prior attainment is based on their average English and Maths Scaled Scores from their KS2 assessments. This is the same prior attainment used nationally by the DfE.

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How are Target Grades used by students?

- Target grades are used as a basis for discussing each student's progress with them.
- Discussions with Form Tutor, Subject Teacher and parents/carers
- Used in a motivational, aspirational way
- **Ambitious but realistic**



Assessing & Reporting Student Progress

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How do we assess students' progress?

- Informal assessments throughout the academic year in lessons.
- Classwork and homework.
- Formal assessment fortnights during the academic year:
 - **w/c 13th November 2023**
 - **w/c 13th May 2024**



Assessment Fortnight

- In class assessments across all subject areas.
- We will provide a timetable for these assessments as well as supporting information to aid revision and preparation.
- For students who are absent for an assessment, class teachers will catch-up upon their return where appropriate.



How do we report on students' progress?

- Written reports sent to parents/carers to provide information to support the students' progress.
- These will be made available to parents/carers on:

w/c 11th December 2023

w/c 24th June 2024

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What information will the report contain?

- **Target Grade** for the end of the academic year as well as the KS4 GCSE Target grade

These are based on a GCSE Grading 9-1 system including sub-grades:

- (-) indicates emerging in that grade
- (=) indicates secure in that grade
- (+) indicates mastered in that grade



What information will the report contain?

- **Current Grade** to indicate how the student is performing based on our assessment evidence

This is based on a GCSE Grading 9-1 system including sub-grades:

- (-) indicates emerging in that grade
- (=) indicates secure in that grade
- (+) indicates mastered in that grade



What information will the report contain?

- **Predicted Progress**

This is our professional judgement in relation to a students' end of year target grade, based on their current working and assessment.

- Likely exceed
- Likely meet
- Likely not meet



YEAR 8 ACADEMIC PROGRESS SUMMARY

AUTUMN 2023

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Attendance (02/09/2023 – 08/12/2023) - 96.9%

Subject	GCSE Target Grade (For the end of Year 11)	Target Grade (For the end of Year 8)	Current Grade (Autumn Year 8)	Predicted Progress (Autumn Year 8)
Art	6=	3-	2-	Likely Not Meet
Computing	5=	2=	2-	Likely Meet
D&T	5=	2=	2=	Likely Exceed
Drama	6=	3-	2=	Likely Meet
English	5=	2=	1+	Likely Meet
Food	6=	3-	2-	Likely Not Meet
French	5=	2=	1+	Likely Meet
Geography	6=	2+	2=	Likely Meet
History	6=	2+	2-	Likely Meet
Maths	6=	2=	2+	Likely Exceed
Music	6=	3-	2=	Likely Meet
PE	7=	3=	2+	Likely Meet
RE	7=	3=	2+	Likely Meet
Science	6=	2+	2=	Likely Exceed

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Accessing the Reports

- Student Academic Progress Summary Reports will be emailed to parents/carers as well as available to access via the SIMS Parent App.
- Students will be given a paper copy in school which they can take home to parent/carers.



Preparing and Supporting our Students

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Academic and Pastoral Support

- **Academic Support**
 - Class Teachers
 - Department Leaders
- **Pastoral Support**
 - Form Tutors
 - Progress and Pastoral Leaders
 - Student Support Coordinators



Preparation in school leads to success and supports positive well-being

- **Staff** will help prepare students by teaching new ideas clearly and through regular testing and quizzing on previous knowledge.
- **Staff** will provide clear and precise feedback on how to improve.
- **Students** must take responsibility for their learning through attending school AND engaging and focussing in lessons.



Academic and Pastoral Support

If a student is identified as at risk of not meeting their end of year target grade in a particular area, there are a number of support processes that may take effect:

- Small group Intervention
- Departmental Monitoring
- Form Tutor Monitoring
- Student Support Coordinator Monitoring
- Progress and Pastoral Leader Monitoring



Pastoral Care

- Support from Form Tutors, Pastoral Staff and Student Support Coordinator (SSC)
- PPL for Year 8 is Miss Smith
- Students Support Coordinators
Year 8 – Miss Dalrymple
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Prepare Effectively at home

- Start now and establish a routine
- Complete homework to embed learning
- Equipment
- Environment
- Offer encouragement and be the 'enforcer'
- Continue to check whether homework, revision and exam preparation is happening, whether it is sticking and whether they need a break



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