

Attainment grades – What do they tell me?

Applied qualification with 'A' level equivalence	A' Level Grade	
Distinction* at Level 3	Grade A*,A	Far exceeding the level expected
	Grade B	Exceeding the level expected
Merit at Level 3	Grade C	Achieving the level expected
	Grade D	Below the level expected
Pass at Level 3	Grade E	Considerably below the level expected
	Grade U	Very much below the level expected
	NS	The pupil was given more than one opportunity to complete the Assessment task but failed to do so.

We hope that your son will see his assessment profile change over the four Progress Reports to show improvement as he works throughout the year.

You will receive more detailed information at the stage of your son's third Progress Report, including feedback from teachers on how your son could improve his grades.

The fourth report will show the overview of all the assessment grades during the year.

**If you have any queries about the new Progress Reports, please contact Mrs. Black, Vice-Principal, at any time.**

Keeping you informed about your son's progress.

# “Assessment is changing”.

## New Pupil Progress Reports.

At the moment, there are many changes to the nature of the qualifications that your son will be able to achieve.

We are working hard to ensure our pupils are prepared for those changes.

We have introduced a new range of assessments for all of our pupils so that we can monitor the progress boys are making in subjects and to inform you about those achievements.

You will receive a progress report four times this year to help keep you informed about your son's progress.



The new school Progress Report will contain information on your son's:

- attendance percentage so far this year,
- punctuality record so far this year,
- assessment grades attained so far this year.

### What does the 'new' assessment grading system tell me?

The new grading system will let you know if your son is attaining the level expected of him at this stage, (which might be an indicator of what grade he could achieve at A' level or equivalent qualification in the future).

- Good pupil progress will be shown if your son can achieve the new grade 'C' / Merit or higher in his assessments. These grades are highlighted in the colour green.
- A pupil who has the new 'D' grade is achieving below the level expected. He should be able to improve his grade by finding out what he needs to do to improve and therefore make progress this year. These grades are highlighted in the colour amber.
- Pupils who have the new 'E' / Pass or 'U' grades are performing well below the standard expected and will be encouraged to take the help offered to make significant improvements in their work. These grades, and the NS grade which shows the assessment was not submitted by your son, are highlighted in the colour red.