

Understanding your son's school report

Every year, you will receive two reports from us while your son is in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11. In Years 12, 13 and 14 you will receive one report.

- The Annual Report

A detailed report for every pupil, in every year group, will be produced after the **winter** exams, to help you understand how your son is progressing.

For pupils in Years 8 – 10

Parents will be given detailed information on how pupils have progressed in the examinations. This will be given through a **percentage mark in each subject compared to the class average**. The report will include the topics which are studied in each subject, a comment on progress and a **target for improvement**. Teachers will also comment on your son's effort and behaviour.

Keys to Grades

<u>Effort</u>	<u>Behaviour</u>
A – Excellent	A – Excellent
B – Good	B – Good
C – Generally good	C – Generally good
D – Inconsistent effort	D – Occasionally unsettled
E – An area of concern	E – An area of concern

In addition, you will get information from your son's Form Teacher on pastoral issues as well as his attendance and punctuality. There are explanatory notes on the back of each winter report explaining the additional skills in which your son is being assessed. These are shown below:

Thinking Skills

- Thinking, Problem Solving and Decision Making
- Managing Information
- Self Management
- Being Creative
- Working With Others

Cross Curricular Skills

- Using ICT
- Using Maths
- Communication

Although all subjects are delivering these skills in the classroom, only one department is reporting on each skill.

For pupils in Years 11 and 12

You will receive a winter report which will provide you with information on the level of your son's attainment in every subject and **targets for improvement**. This will be provided through a **grade or level**, depending on the subject. The report will include explanatory notes to help you understand what these levels mean. These are listed below:

You may find that your son is studying a combination of general GCSEs, as well as vocational subjects, which are the equivalent of GCSE. To ensure that you are fully informed about the standard at which your son is studying, you should note the following:

Level of subject studied	Equivalence
Level 1	GCSE at Grades D-G
Level 2	GCSE at Grades A*-C

If your son is studying a 'short course' GCSE, this is equal to half a GCSE.

In **vocational** subjects studied **at Level 2**, your son may have achieved the following standard: Distinction, Merit, Pass or Fail; this equates as below:

Distinction	Grade A at GCSE
Merit	Grade B at GCSE
Pass	Grade C at GCSE
Fail	Ungraded

In **vocational** subjects studied **at Level 1**, your son may have achieved the following standard:

Pass	Grades D-G at GCSE
Fail	Ungraded

Key to other grades

GCSE Grades	A* to G (U=fail)
Effort Grades	A (Excellent) B (Good) C (Generally good) D (Inconsistent Effort) E (An area of concern)
Behaviour Grades	A (Excellent) B (Good) C (Generally good)

	D (Occasionally unsettled) E (An area for concern)
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The report will also include information on effort and behaviour as well as pastoral information from the Form Teacher including attendance and punctuality details. Parents of Year 11 pupils will receive a second report in the summer which summarises the results of common assessments as well as the two sets of school exams. Pupils in Year 12 do not receive a summer report as they will be completing external exams at that time.

For pupils in Year 13 and 14

You will receive a winter report which will provide you with information on the level of your son's attainment in each subject. The report will give you a grade or level attained (depending on the subject). The report will include notes to help you understand what the levels mean. These are listed below:

Your son is studying A-Levels. To ensure that you are fully informed about the grading system, you should note the following:

Explanation of Terminology	
Level 3	A-Level at Grades A*-E
Single Award (SA)	Equivalent to 1 A-Level at A*-E
Double Award (DA)	Equivalent to 2 A-Levels at A*-E

Your son may have achieved the following standard: Distinction, Merit, Pass or fail; this equates as below:

Distinction	Grade A
Merit	Grade B
Pass	Grade C
Fail	Ungraded

Your son may also be following a programme of study for the purpose of enriching his academic, social or personal development such as:

- Mentoring
- Photography
- PE Awards
- Driving Science

These contribute to completing a **Certificate in Personal Effectiveness**. Successful completion of the subject is worth up to 70 UCAS (university admission) points.

The report will also give you details about your son's attendance, punctuality, effort and behaviour. Pupils in Years 13 and 14 do not receive a summer report as they will be completing external exams at that time.

- **The Summer Report – a summer report is produced for pupils in years 8-11.**

The summer report will be an overview of your son's results compared to the class average in his **common assessments** and the two sets of **school exams – winter and summer**. You will also receive information on your son's behaviour and effort.

If you have any queries or questions about our reports, please contact Mrs L. Blair.