

Assessment and Progress

A quick guide for KS4 parents/carers

How will the students be assessed?

Each subject plans their teaching to ensure they can assess the accumulation of knowledge, skills and understanding. Students will be assessed via formal assignment or tests at least once per term in all subjects. Students are graded in line with the qualification scheme.

- Students are assessed at various points throughout the year and graded in line with the qualification type. We use fine levels (-/+ as an indication for how secure they are with that grade)
- Students are given a forecast grade which is what the teacher, in their professional opinion, believes students will achieve in the final exam based on current effort and work produced.
- Formal mock exams are used to track student performance, Year 11 are in December, Year 10 are in June/July

How do I know if my child is making good progress?

Reports show historical data for the year, and so the end of year report will show the Autumn, Spring and Summer grade that the student is working at.

Grading structure

GCSE		Vocational	Architecture
9	The highest possible grade		
8	Roughly equivalent to the old grade A*	Level 2 Distinction*	A*
7	Roughly equivalent to the old grade A	Level 2 Distinction	A
6	Considered a good pass, similar to a B		B
5	A strong pass, seen as a good pass, higher than a C	Level 2 Merit	C
4	Standard pass, equivalent to the old grade C, considered a basic pass	Level 2 Pass	
3	Roughly equivalent to a D	Level 1 Distinction	
2	Equivalent to an E	Level 1 Merit	
1	Minimal achievement — the lowest grade, similar to a U (ungraded)	Level 1 Pass	

Sample Year 11 Final Report:

Subject	Year 10	Working at Grade	Year 11	Working at Grade	Forecast Grade	Class Attend %	Lesson Grades							Insufficient Homework Completed	
	Mock Result	Autumn	Mock Result	Summer			1	2	3	4	5	6	L		
Biology	5	6+	7-	7	7	88.46%	4	6	28					1	1
Chemistry	5	8-	6-	6-	6	85.71%		3	35						
English Language	7	6	7	4	6	89.72%	2	10	73						
English Literature	5	7	6	6	6										
French	6	7	5	5	5	88.46%		3	39						1
Geography	5+	5-	5	5+	6	92.31%		2	41						
Mathematics	4+	6-	5	5	6	89.57%			31	57					
Music - BTEC	P2	P2	M2	D2	D2	85.42%			5	33					
Physics	6	4-	6+	7	7	88.00%			3	40					
Sociology	5	6	4	5	5	86.00%	2	4	35						