

FAQs – Reporting of progress to students and parents/carers

Parents/carers will be given assessment data relating to their son/daughter progress at regular intervals throughout the academic year. On at least two occasions they will receive a data snapshot sheet which includes grades for Attitude to Learning together with a Predicted Grade which can be compared to the Target Grade for individual subjects. Once a year all students will receive a full report with comments from subject teachers. All of the progress reports include information regarding attendance, behaviour and rewards.

What will be reported to students/parents/carers?

Data snapshots and full reports will include:

- A Target Grade for most subjects
- A Predicted Grade for most subjects
- An Attitude to Learning Grade for all subjects

The Predicted Grade is the grade that the student is most likely to achieve by the end of the year (in Years 7 – 9) or the end of KS4/end of Year 11 (in Years 10-11). The subject teacher gives the Predicted Grade based on the student's work in class, formal assessments, mock exams and their Attitude to Learning in the classroom.

The Predicted Grade is then compared to the Target Grade to identify whether the student is likely to meet their Target Grade. The colour coding in the snapshot reports shows whether a student is predicted to meet, exceed or fall short of their Target Grade.

I understood the old A*-G grading system. What do the new 9-1 grades mean?

The DfE has decided to change how GCSEs are graded. Rather than an A*-G grade, GCSEs will be measured on a 9-1 scale (9 high/1 low). The new scale was introduced in English and Maths in the summer of 2017. The majority of other subjects will follow suit and report their grades as 9-1 rather than A*-G from 2018.

The reformed GCSE qualifications will be awarded on a grade scale of 9 (the highest grade) to 1 (the lowest). This new scale will be aligned to key grades on the current A* to G scale.

- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 4 and above as currently achieve a grade C and above
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above as currently achieve a grade A and above
- broadly the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 1 and above as currently achieve a grade G and above

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

What do the Grades on the Data Snapshot Report mean? What does the + or – symbol mean?

At St John Houghton we assess students using the new 9-1 grading system throughout their five-year journey with us.

Part of the 9-1 scale used to assess student's work is shown below:

EL2c	EL2b	EL2a	EL3c	EL3b	EL3a	1-	1	1+	2-	2	2+	3-	3	3+	4-	4	4+	5-
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In Year 7, a student is likely to be working at grades that range between Entry Level 2 (EL2) and Grade 3. The + sign is used to show that the student is consistently achieving marks at the top of that grade or the – sign indicates that the grade has been achieved, but not consistently.

Who sets the Targets and how is this done?

Targets are set by the school using the Key Stage 2 results that your child achieved at the end of Year 6. Later this year we will be re-naming 'Target' grades to 'Minimum Expected' grades.

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11) the Target Grade is the grade that the student is expected to achieve or exceed at the end of Year 11. If the student achieves their Target Grade they are considered to have made good progress compared to other students nationally. If a student exceeds their Target Grade they have made better progress than other students nationally.

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7,8 & 9) the Target Grade is the grade that the student should achieve or exceed by the end of the year. If the student achieves their Target Grade they are making good progress. If a student exceeds their Target Grade they have made better than expected progress.

The Target Grades may differ between subject areas. Each subject area has a flightpath that plots the end of Year Target Grades that should be achieved from each different starting point.

A typical flightpath between Year 7 and Year 11



In the example above the students' end of Year 8 Target Grade is a 1+ and their End of Year 11 Target is a Grade 4. If they achieve a 1+ by the end of Year 8 they have achieved their Target Grade and are making good progress.

How do I know what grade my son/daughter is working at now?

The grades given to students can be seen in books? They can also be viewed electronically in the markbooks on Go 4 Schools.