



Information for Parents on the Assessment and Reporting framework at KS3 for 2018-19

Our assessment and reporting framework firmly places feedback and closing knowledge gaps at its heart. We have developed our system with a clear focus on improving the learning and progress of our students, building on the following key principles:

- A clear focus on giving regular meaningful and motivating feedback to students which prompts them to think and to respond;
- A renewed focus on the Growth Mindset ideas which are embodied in our 'Commitment to learning' grade descriptors;
- A focus on independent learning rather than homework by supporting students' progress through the publication of **termly knowledge organisers** for every subject;
- The embedding of key independent learning strategies which are explicitly modelled to all students. **Knowledge organisers for all subjects and key independent learning strategies can be found through the Curriculum button on the My Ed app or on the school website Menu>Parents, Carers and Students>Curriculum**
- Continue with the annual formal examinations in Years 7, 8 and 9 to produce summative data, and to prepare students for the challenging demands of the examinations required by the new GCSE courses

To ensure the assessment of your son's progress is robust:

- ✓ All subject areas have a clear understanding of what their students should know, understand and be able to do by the end of KS3, with knowledge organisers published termly to support this;
- ✓ Students' Key Stage 2 data is used to identify a student's starting point. From this, we are able to measure a student's relative progress throughout the year against an attainment pathway generated from his starting point;
- ✓ We will continue to liaise with our feeder primary schools to further develop the assessment system which ensures continuity for students between Years 6 and 7 and makes most effective use of the KS2 assessments.

Information about your son's progress will be reported at three data entry points during the year and sent to you digitally via the My Ed app. Please note that you must provide school with an email address and a mobile phone number to receive notifications.

Students will spend time with their Achievement Tutor reflecting on each interim report and setting goals for themselves with a particular focus on their independent learning.

Interim reports

We will tell you at each data publication for all subjects if:

➤ your son is working beyond where we expect him to be at any stage and will likely exceed where we expect him to be at the end of the year;

This will be reported as 'Above' (A on the interim report).

➤ your son is making the progress we expect of him and will likely be where we expect to be by the end of the year.

This will be reported as 'On' (O on the interim report).

➤ your son making less progress than we expect him to be making and may not be where we expect him to be by the end of the year.

This will be reported as 'Below' (B on the interim report).

We will give you an indication of where your son should be considering his starting point by providing an average grade outcome for the end of each year. We will also publish any **subject specific statements that your son should focus on developing** to ensure that we are focused on helping our students improve and not simply to report a measurement of their attainment. This will help students and their parents to focus on areas of the curriculum most relevant to improving their knowledge, understanding and skills and closing any gaps. The knowledge organisers, class books and intervention booklets will help independent study.

INTERIM REPORTS	Reports published via My Ed app
AUTUMN Years 7-11	Wednesday 5th December 2018
SPRING Years 7-11	Wednesday 20th March 2019
SUMMER Years 7-11	Wednesday 3rd July 2019

Full reports

You will receive an annual full report including comments from subject teachers and your son's Tutor.

FULL REPORTS	Completed Report published via My Ed
Year 8 Full Report	Thursday 21st February 2019
Year 9 Full Report	Thursday 18th July 2019
Year 7 Full Report	Thursday 2nd May 2019

Internal Examinations

Students at KS3 will have internal examinations as described below:

Year Group	Internal Exam Weeks
Year 7	w/b Monday 3rd June 2019-CORE (English, Maths, Science)
Year 8	w/b Monday 10th June 2019-EBACC (English, Maths, Science, MFL, Computing, History and Geography)
Year 9	w/b Monday 20th May 2019-All subjects

Parents' Evenings

	Parents' Evenings (Information and booking via PTO)
Year 7 TUTORS, 5-7pm	Monday 8th October 2018
Year 7, 5-7pm	Monday 13th May 2019
Year 8, 5-7pm	Monday 18th March 2019
Year 9 and Options explained, 5pm-7.30pm	Monday 28th January 2019