

Reports are changing

The first reports of the academic year are due in a little over two weeks. Whilst these will look very similar to those that you have become familiar with, behind the levels and grades reported are some fundamental changes.

The key change is that all reported levels and grades will now be based on a professional judgement of what teachers think your child is likely to achieve by the **end** of the year or course. This will be called **Predicted Attainment**.

Predicted attainment will still mean teachers formally assess students, but it will also allow them to take into account such factors as effort, homework, classwork and practical abilities. They will use this information and their professional judgement to project ahead based on this much more holistic picture of your child.

If your child is in year **7, 8 or 9** the predictions will be what their teachers expect them to achieve by the end of the year.

If your child is in year **10 or 11**, the predictions will be what their teachers expect them to achieve by the end of the course.

If your child is in the **sixth form**, the predictions will be what their teachers expect them to achieve by the end of the course.

Additionally, if your child is in year 10 or 11, alongside the predicted grades, a number will also be provided. This will show the level of confidence that the teacher is placing on your child achieving that grade. The numbers range from 1 to 3, where 1 is very confident, to the extent that they may achieve the next higher grade. 2 is confident and 3 is not as confident, to the extent that they may achieve the next lower grade.

These fine grades will provide staff, students, parents and carers a realistic and valuable overview of your child's probable attainment. It will also allow staff to better target and intervene with students to ensure they achieve the grades that they are capable of and deserve.

I sincerely hope you will agree with me that Predicted Attainment reports will provide much more meaningful information and will make understanding your child's attainment and progress simpler.

Should you have any questions, concerns or simply want to know more about the new predicted attainment reports, please contact Mrs Hilton-Peet.