



# Assessment and Reporting

## Year 8 Parental Information Evening



# Parental Questions?

- How well is my son/daughter doing?
- What are their strengths?
- What do they need to work on?
- How and when will I get information on how they are doing?



# Times of Change...

- New GCSE's are starting...
- The qualifications taken by Year 8 students will be very different from those taken last summer...
- We are changing the way we assess students, track progress and report to you...



# New GCSE Grading Structure



NEW GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE	CURRENT GCSE GRADING STRUCTURE
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
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



## New GCSE Grading Structure



Reformed GCSEs will be introduced gradually over three years from September 2015. They will be graded from 9 to 1, instead of A\* to G.

Students awarded GCSEs in 2017 and 2018 will therefore receive a mixture of 9 to 1 and A\* to G grades.

Students will not lose out as a result of the changes. We will use a statistical method (known as comparable outcomes) so that:

- 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;
- the bottom of grade 1 will be aligned with the bottom of grade G;
- a grade 5 will be awarded to the top third of students gaining the equivalent of a grade C or bottom third of a grade B. The Department for Education has decided that grade 5 will be a 'good pass'.

In addition, the top 20 per cent of those who get a grade 7 or above in each exam will be awarded a grade 9.



# New Leventhorpe Levels

- We are scrapping National Curriculum levels to report achievement and progress...
- We are introducing a new Leventhorpe system based on numbers to link with the new GCSE grades...
- We will set targets based on Key Stage 2 tests as a starting point...
- Targets can be adjusted by teachers to make sure they are stretching and appropriate...



# Leventhorpe Levels

- Based on numbers with a link towards final GCSE Grades 9-1...
- Each number split into three sub-levels e.g. 2:1, 2:2, 2:3
- Year 7 Grades range from 1:1 to 4:3
- Year 8 Grades range from 1:1 to 5:3
- Year 9 Grades range from 1:1 to 6:3
- Year 10 and 11 Grades will reflect actual GCSE number grades
- Good progress will be one whole number grade per year...



# The Journey...

## Expected Progress Paths for Students

Based on Key Stage 2 Tests

	<i>End of Year 7</i>	<i>End of Year 8</i>	<i>End of Year 9</i>	<i>End of Year 10</i>	<i>End of Year 11</i>
Steve	4:2	5:2	6:2	Grade 7	Grades 8 and 9
Sarah	3:2	4:2	5:2	Grades 5 and 6	Grades 6 and 7
Doris	2:2	3:2	4:2	Grades 4 and 5	Grades 5 and 6
David	1:3	2:3	3:2	Grades 3 and 4	Grade 4





# Growth Mind-Set

- Recognise it is a long journey...
- Lots can change over five years...
- Reports will enable you to see if they are 'on-track' given their starting point...
- All students can achieve e.g. some of our David's are now in top Science and Maths sets heading for A's and A\*'s...
- If students drop below expected progress, we will discuss this with you and work out ways to help them improve...



# When will I get information?

- After October Half-Term...
- For Parental Consultations – 25<sup>th</sup> April...
- For end of year reports...



# Where do I get the information?

- Go4Schools
- Website used to publish reports and progress updates...
- Log-in via the website using the e-mail address we have been given by you...



# How else can I understand progress?

- The reports are only a snapshot of progress...
- Workbooks from class contain much more detailed feedback and guidance...
- See Homework marks and comments...
- Guidance for improvement...
- Common to see WWW/EBI
- Talk to the students about their work...
- Focus on praise and how to improve...



# If there are questions and concerns...

- Two way process...
- We will contact you via subject teachers or tutors if we are concerned...
- You can contact subject teachers for specific issues...
- General issues such as homework or behaviour should go to the tutor



# Options...

- Around Easter we start the options process...
- Students can start to have some choice over what they study in Year 9 and then Years 10 and 11...
- 7 options in Year 9, then 4 in Year 10 and 11
- Options Evening 23<sup>rd</sup> March...
- Need to start thinking about what students might want to study soon!



# Summing up...

- New GCSE's...
- New Leventhorpe Levels...
- Options coming...
- Praise and Conversations...



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## Assessment

Please find below links to the following information regarding student assessment:

- [New Leventhorpe Assessment Levels](#)
- [Grading New GCSE's from 2017](#)
- [Grading New AS and A Levels](#)
- [AQA GCSE Reform Timeline of Changes](#)
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