

Target Grades Years 7 & 8

This is your child's target grade for the end of Year 8. It is an aspirational grade, set using a range of data including the KS2 results, Cognitive Ability Test (CAT) result, the Access to Reading Test result and a national programme called Fischer Family Trust (FFT). All targets are reviewed annually in the light of students' progress during the year. These are only a rough guide, however, and you should NOT see them as the most your child can achieve.

Due to the demise of levels and the new 9-1 system at GCSE, we have decided as a school to use the 9-1 numbering system from Year 7 through to the end of Year 11. For information, the highest target we set for the end of Year 8 is a 5= ; the lowest target we set is a 1- and the average target is a 2=. Each target is split into 'fine grades' of + (Plus), = (Equals) and – (Minus); a 3+ is higher than a 3= and a 3= is higher than a 3-.

These target grades will be reset once students select their GCSE subjects, and at that point the target will be an end of Year 11 one, with the highest being a 9 and the lowest a 1. A student whose end-of-Year 8 target is a 5 is likely to have an end-of-Year 11 target of an 8 or 9. A student with an end of Year 8 target of a 2= is likely to have an end-of-Year 11 target of a 5.