

# What does my child's data show?

## Looking at Progress and Grades

### Current Grade

- This tells you the level that your child is working at now. It is based upon a range of different types of assessment and is formatted as a GCSE numerical grade. This is a 'live' grade – meaning that it updates as more data is input throughout the year.
- At the end of Year 10, your child will be given a 'Year 11 Teacher Estimate' grade, which is a prediction of what grade your child would receive at the end of Year 11, **based upon the current information and their current trajectory**.
- This teacher estimate grade remains visible all throughout Year 11 and is updated regularly, informed by up-to-date assessment information.

## Common Questions

### Why do my child's grades vary so much between subjects?

- Each department has designed their own assessment schedule and system, based upon their knowledge of the subject and the exam board specifications. Some subjects will choose to utilise a system that gives an incremental approach to the students learning (i.e. the maximum mark available early in Year 10 may only be a grade 7), whereas others will simply grade each assessment in line with the entire mark scheme (i.e. they could receive a grade 9 in one assessment and a 5 in the next).

### Why has my child's grade dropped?

- As mentioned above, our data system is live. Therefore, a child may have scored highly in one assessment, achieving a high grade, but not quite performed to this standard in subsequent assessments. This would mean that the average is now lower and would result in a lower overall 'current grade'.

## Looking at Behaviour and Attendance

### Behaviour Information

- Positive points demonstrate the number of rewards that your child has received. Rewards are given for positive behaviour, effective contributions in class and outstanding homework.
- Negative points illustrate the number of sanctions or reminders that your child has received. Issues may relate to poor behaviour in lessons or around the school, or may relate to issues around classwork and homework completion.
- Further information about any rewards and sanctions awarded can be found on Go4Schools.

### ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

- The key statistic to look at is the percentage attendance. Our school attendance target is 97.5% for all students this academic year. Regular absenteeism has an obvious detrimental impact upon a child's education. Across the school year, students with 95% will have missed 10 days of school; students with 90% attendance have missed 4 weeks of school; and 85% equates to 5½ weeks absence. Please speak with your child's Year Leader if you need any attendance support.