



St. Anne's Catholic High School for Girls KS3 Target Flightpath Grades

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Key Stage 3 Assessment - Target Flightpaths

This letter is to inform you of the "Flightpath" system St. Anne's uses to assess students at Key Stage 3. As you may be aware, from September 2014, the Department for Education (DfE) removed the National Curriculum levels from all school assessments. They have, therefore, given schools the freedom to develop and create an individualised way of showing student progress.

What is a Target Flightpath?

Students are given a target flightpath based on their Cognitive Abilities Test, CAT4, which will give an indication of a student's likely GCSE grade. A flightpath is a range of knowledge, skills and understanding that a student needs to develop, to be making expected progress. Flightpaths range from 9 to 1, with 9 being highest, reflecting the new GCSE 9 – 1 grades. A Flightpath 8 or 9 would, therefore, cover the most challenging range of knowledge skills and understanding for each subject.

Students will receive their target flightpath by October half term. Reports to students and parents will show the target flightpath and a teacher's professional judgement as to whether a student is performing as expected. This shows how the student **is** achieving based on current assessments **and** the subject teacher's professional judgement.

Flightpaths are set to ensure that the year group achieve above the national average, as our school always performs well above the national average.

What is the main change?

No more National Curriculum levels will be published for any subject. The school will assess students using Flightpaths.

How do I know if my daughter is progressing?

School reports will indicate your daughter's target and current flightpaths; you will be able to compare her progress to assess whether she is Above Target, On Target or Below Target for all her subjects. This will indicate how well your daughter is progressing and provides vital information about subject success or possible subject underachievement.

Flightpaths could change at the end of each year, depending on the national averages from the previous GCSE cohort, to help set aspirational flightpaths for each student.

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What does good progress look like at Key Stage 3?

At Key Stage 4 a grade 7 is the equivalent of the old grade A, a grade 4 is the equivalent of the old grade C and the grade 1 is the equivalent of the old grade G.

Please use all of this information to further support your daughter. Should you have any immediate questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact the relevant subject teacher or subject leader. Broader concerns should be addressed to your daughter's Achievement Leader.

Yours faithfully

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