



Friday 24 January 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 7 targets will be published later today (Friday 24 January) on Go4Schools. You can see these on the app by scrolling down to the attainment section, or by logging on to the web-based version and clicking on the progress tab.

Our aim is to set aspirational targets for all students throughout their journey with us, and so we use an external target setting company called Fischer Family Trust who help us to ensure our targets challenge students to make progress in line with the top 20% of students nationally who have the same Key Stage 2 test results as a starting point.

In year 7, 8 and 9 students will have a target attainment band for each subject, called the **Main Target Band**. The target bands available are A-D and they represent journeys to the GCSE grades indicated below.

Attainment Band	GCSE Target Grades included in this band
A	Grades 8 and 9
B	Grades 6 and 7
C	Grades 4 and 5
D	Grades 1, 2 and 3

Please note: GCSE grades are awarded on a 9-1 scale. All GCSE grades are a pass at GCSE level, but a grade 4 is known as a standard pass (similar to the old Grade C) and is achieved in approx. 70% of entries nationally with NLS results exceeding 80% of all entries.

At each data cycle staff will indicate if a student is making the necessary progress at that stage in their journey to be on track for their target band, using one of the four descriptors below. The next two cycles will be in March and July.

Above Target
On Target
Working towards Target
Below Target

Target bands are a starting point and whilst set at an aspirational level are not a ceiling. There is always opportunity for students to demonstrate they are working above their target band, and where this happens the target band will be increased, this is known as a **progressive target band** and would also become visible on Go4Schools and future reports.

If you have any specific target grade questions, members of the Senior Leadership team will be available to answer questions in the Student Services area at the Subject Evening on Monday 27 January. Our Subject Evening on Monday marks a key point to review our Year 7's journey so far. A reminder if you are yet to book in for appointments with staff on Monday, you can do so via the [schoolcloud website](#).

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at this subject evening.

Yours sincerely



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