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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

PUPIL PROGRESS MONITORING

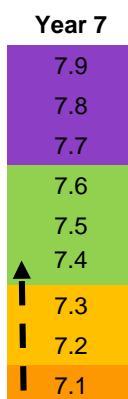
At St. Edward's Church of England Academy, we operate a system of monitoring pupil progress and in your child's planner there is now information indicating your child's target. Targets have been set for the end of this current academic year i.e. July 2020. This system enables pupils to monitor their own improvement and gives you regular information regarding your child's progress. You may, of course, consult with staff at any time if you have concerns regarding the academic attainment of your child.

Pupils' targets have been set on their prior attainment. This information is generated from the Key Stage 1 (KS1) Assessment your child took at their First School during Year 2. Prior attainment is also relevant for Key Stage 3 because the KS2 results are used as a predictor for GCSEs taken in Year 11.

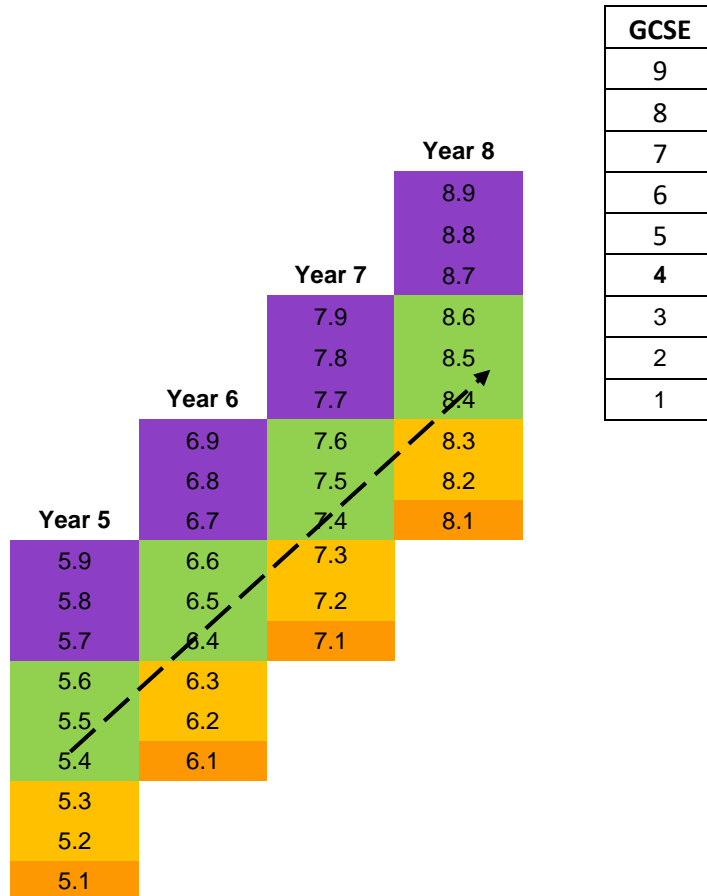
Prior attainment is calculated as an average of Reading, Writing and Mathematics and we have used this to set one target for all curriculum subjects.

As you may be aware, the government has made changes to the structure and assessment of GCSE qualifications. The grades pupils receive have moved away from A* to G to a new system that uses numbers 1 to 9. In addition to the changes to the structure of the examinations, the government has raised the grade that will be considered as a "good pass". To prepare pupils we have used the new GCSE grading system as a basis for our new target structure as shown overleaf.

The target grade assigned is associated with their chronological year group e.g. 7.4 – means the child is in Year 7 and has been given a target of 4 (see diagram below). For **expected progress** this pupil should be commencing the year at 7.1 with a view to making progress towards their target (of 7.4) during the academic year.



Assessment Structure



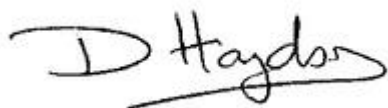
The diagram above demonstrates the progress that is expected to be made (please remember that a target is for guidance, it is not a 'ceiling' on attainment and pupils may be awarded a grade above their target depending on their attainment at the time of assessment). We do realise that children do not learn in a linear fashion and the above is for guidance only. A pupil may be making progress but not necessarily have reached their target at a given point in the year.

Four progress reports will be available on Go4Schools during the Academic Year. These will contain information on your child's progress for each teaching block. An indication will be given as to whether your child is making the progress required to achieve their end of year target. If lack of progress becomes an issue across several subjects, you will be contacted by House/Faculty Leaders. If you would like to discuss an issue about an individual subject, then please contact the class teacher or Faculty Leader.

Year 6 will sit external exams in May 2020 and their attainment will be reported as a scaled score in July 2020.

Should you have any concerns regarding pupil progress monitoring please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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