

## An overview of assessments and reporting at TGS

### How do we assess?

We assess student progress through a combination of assessments, both formal and informal, formative and summative

Ways in which we assess therefore include:-

- End of topic tests
- Vocab tests
- Informal formative assessment
- Presentations
- Project work
- Low stake tests

Formal examinations in KS4 and 5 and Core subjects ( English, Maths, Science ) at end of year in KS3. ie years 7-9

### Target grades

In KS3 we do not set target grades however in KS4 and 5 progress is also measured in relation to target grades. Target grades will be given to students based on previous data -these are aspirational but should not represent a ceiling for students- we encourage all students to achieve their potential in all subjects and monitor the progress of all students.

### The importance of feedback

We recognize that this is key for all students in order to ensure that they can progress. As such DIRT is of key importance and integrated into all lessons following assessment. We encourage students to take responsibility for their own reflection and review and to thus act on the advice given. This advice may be formal or informal, personalised or part of group of class feedback depending on the situation. Students are encouraged to use the feedback to create their own aims in relation to future work.

### Reporting

KS3 report will not have written comments. Reports will be via grades as indicated in the separate document: [KS3-Attainment](#) and related to the expectations at Townley Grammar school.

In KS4 and 5 full reports will have a formal statement in relation to how additional progress can be made.

In all key stages and on all reports there will be information relating to effort, behaviour and independent study via a coding system ranging from 1 the highest to 6.

[Please see the Descriptors for effort, behaviour and independent study via this link](#)

An overview of the reporting cycle for each year group

### Timetable 2023-24

Year group	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
7	Initial progress check- effort, behaviour and independent study only not attainment	Progress check including attainment	Parent evening – virtual
8	Progress check	Progress check	Parent evening – virtual
9	Progress check	Parent evening – virtual	Progress check
10	Traffic light report Parent evening - virtual	Progress check- includes effort/behavior/independent Study and working at grade	Full report including comments, working at grade and predicted grade with end of year exam results

Year group	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
11	Progress check – includes effort/behavior/independent Study and working at grade	Full report including comments, working at grade and predicted grade with mock examination results Parent evening- physical	
12	Traffic light report	Progress check- includes effort/behaviour/independent Study and working at grade Parent evening - virtual	Full report including comments, working at grade and predicted grade with end of year exam results
13	Progress check - includes effort/behavior/independent Study and working at grade Parent evening- physical	Full report including comments, working at grade and predicted grade with mock examination results	

In addition to the reports there will also be a parents' evening for each year group: in Key Stage 3 this will replace the report. The parents' evening for years 11 and 13 will be physical ie on site whilst those for other years will be virtual.

In year 10 and 12 the autumn term report will be traffic light indicating how well they have adapted to the rigors required by the new key stage and the start of the GCSE or A level course, as appropriate.

**[Please see the information in our Traffic Light Colour Key Year 10 & 12.](#)**

Both year 10 and 12 will sit examinations after Easter and then formal mocks in the autumn term of year 11 and 13 respectively. These will be followed by a full report, including comments, examination grade attained, working at grade and predicted grade for the end of the course.

## Review by year group

### Year 7

The first report in year 7 contains information in relation to Effort and Behaviour and therefore allows you to see how your child has settled to her studies at Townley Grammar School. All students should be aware of any potential area(s) of development via the Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT) which has been carried out after assessments. All students are advised to act on the advice given in order to aid further progress. In the spring term you will receive a Progress Check which will include reference to attainment. In the summer term there will be a parents' evening. Key stage 3 reports will not include written comments.

### Year 8

The first report in year 8 contains information relating to your child's attainment, based on the most recent assessment in each subject along with grading for Effort, Behaviour and Independent Study. Students should be aware of any potential area(s) of development via the Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT) which has been carried out after assessments. All students are advised to act on the advice given in order to aid further progress. A further progress check will be received in the spring term. In the summer term there will be a parent's evening. Key stage 3 reports will not include written comments.

### Year 9

The first report in year 9 contains information relating to your child's attainment in each subject along with grading for Effort, Behaviour and Independent Study. Students should be aware of any potential area(s) of development via the Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT) which has been carried out after assessments. All students are advised to act on the advice given in order to aid further progress. In the spring term there will be a parents' evening. A further progress check will be issued in the summer term. Key stage 3 reports will not include written comments.

## Year 10

This first report in Key stage 4 is based in a traffic 'light system', indicating how well the student has adapted to the rigors required by the new key stage and the start of the GCSE course. There will also be a parents' evening in the autumn term. In the spring term a progress check will be issued. The report will contain information relating to their working at grade ie the grade of the work completed by the student in recent assessments. This is assessed using GCSE level criteria, along with reference to their target grade- ie. the aspirational grade that students should be able to aspire to at the end of the GCSE course. The progress check is near the beginning of the course and thus we would expect students to make progress as the course continues and therefore work towards their target grade. The report will also contain grading for Effort, Behaviour and Independent Study. This will be followed by a full report in the summer term after the internal examinations. The full report will include teacher comments, a working at grade, internal examination grade and predicted grade. In year 11 a further progress check will be issued in the autumn term along with another full report after the internal examinations- this will be issued in the spring term of year 11. Additionally, during year 11, there will be a parents' evening. Students should be aware of any potential area(s) of development via the Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT) which has been carried out after assessments. All students are advised to act on the advice given in order to aid further progress.

## Year 11

The first report in the autumn term is a progress check, it contains information relating to their working at grade ie the grade of the work completed by the student in recent assessments. This is assessed using GCSE criteria, along with reference to their target grade – ie. the aspirational grade that students should be able to aspire to at the end of the GCSE Level course. The report will also contain grading for Effort, Behaviour and Independent Study .The next report will be a full report, it will include teacher comments and will be sent in the spring term. This will be after the mocks and will therefore additionally include a predicted grade. During the spring term there will also be a parents' evening. Students should be aware of any potential area(s) of development via the Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT) which has been carried out after assessments. All students are advised to act on the advice given in order to aid further progress.

## Year 12

This first report in Key stage 5 is based in a traffic 'light system', indicating how well the student has adapted to the rigors required by the new key stage and the start of the A level course. In the spring term a progress check will be issued. The report will contain information relating to their working at grade ie the grade of the work completed by the student in recent assessments. This is assessed using A level criteria for Key stage 5 along with reference to their target grade- ie. the aspirational grade that students should be able to aspire to at the end of the A Level course. The progress check is near the beginning of the course and thus we would expect students to make progress as the course continues and therefore work towards their target grade. The report will also contain grading for Effort, Behaviour and Independent Study. There will also be a parents' evening in the spring term. This will be followed by a full report in the summer term after the internal examinations. The full report will include teacher comments, a working at grade, internal examination grade and predicted grade. In year 13 a further progress check will be issued in the autumn term along with another full report after the internal examinations- this will be issued in the spring term of year 13. Additionally, during year 13, there will be a parents' evening. Students should be aware of any potential area(s) of development via the Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT) which has been carried out after assessments. All students are advised to act on the advice given in order to aid further progress.

## Year 13

The first report in the autumn term, which is a progress check, contains information relating to the student's working at grade ie the grade of the work completed by the student in recent assessments. This is assessed using A Level criteria along with reference to their target grade - ie. the aspirational grade that students should be able to aspire to at the end of the A Level course. The report will also contain grading for Effort, Behaviour and Independent Study The next report which will be a full report, will include teacher comments and will be sent in the spring term. This will be after the mocks and will therefore additionally include a predicted grade. Students should be aware of any potential area(s) of development via the Dedicated Improvement and Reflection Time (DIRT) which has been carried out after assessments. All students are advised to act on the advice given in order to aid further progress

## Glossary KS4 and 5

Working at grade- grade of the work completed by the student in recent assessments.

Predicted grade- this is the predicted grade at this point in the course i.e. the grade which if a student continues to work in the same way as they have thus far in the course, they are likely to achieve at the end of the course - for example at the end of the GCSE course in year 11 or A level course at the end of year 13. Guidance at present suggests students will be given more opportunity to complete work and be assessed and we must stress the predicted grade is subject to change and does not, therefore, automatically reflect the final GCSE or A level awarded grade

Target grade- the aspirational grade that students should be able to aspire to at the end of the GCSE or A level course.

Please see below the timetable for the formal examinations in 2023-4- **(final dates to be confirmed)**

- Year 10- end of examinations 15th- 24th April 2024
- Year 11- mock examinations 28th November to 8th December 2023
- Year 12 – end of year examinations – UCAS examinations – 23rd April to 1st May 2024 including the INSET day
- Year 13- mock 20th – 27th November 2023

Public examination for year 11 and 13 are in the period 9<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 -  
**please note that the final timetable is still to be confirmed so might change.**

End of year exams for years 7,8 and 9 in the core subjects will take place in the period 1-3<sup>rd</sup> May  
**(final dates tbc)**