

St Laurence School

Reporting on Student Progress and Achievement in KS3 2020-21

Students in Key Stage 3 (Y7, Y8 and Y9) receive a variety of reports during the three years. The calendar showing the timing and nature of each report is outlined in **Appendix 2: Report Calendar 2020-21**. More detail about the nature of each report will be sent in a letter to accompany the report when it is issued.

The overall purpose of our reports is to provide regular information on each student's development as a learner (through the learning profiles) and an indication of the progress they are making in each subject area. Not all information is reported on at every round of report writing or for every subject.

Learning Profiles

To make the best possible progress students need to be ready to learn, resilient and determined and willing to take an active part in lessons and learning. At each KS3 reporting cycle, teachers will provide feedback on whether students:

- are prepared for learning;
- have a positive attitude to learning;
- engage in their learning.

This feedback will generate the *Learning Profile RAG Rating* that you will see on the report. The **Red-Amber-Green- Dark Green** (RAGD rating) judgement provides an indication of how effectively students are demonstrating these positive learning behaviours in each subject area, Dark Green highlights an exceptional profile. Where a student is not yet GREEN in all aspects of the learning profile, a specific area of concern will be identified by the teacher. The three areas of the learning profile are described in more detail in **Appendix 1: Learning Profiles**.

Measuring Progress

Teachers use assessment in a variety of forms to measure how well an individual is doing and this progress measure will be reported to you in each subject area via a RAGD (Red/Amber/Green/Dark Green) rating. The RAGD progress measure is not given in relation to the other members of the class, or against an 'average' expectation for all students within a year group, but is instead calculated in relation to your son/daughter's expected progress.

The RAGD rating measures *progress in subject knowledge, skills and understanding towards expected achievement at the end of the academic year*.

DARK GREEN: Making very good progress; currently exceeding and therefore should achieve or exceed the end of year expectations.

GREEN: Making good progress; currently likely to achieve or exceed end of year expectations

AMBER: Making some progress; currently less likely to achieve end of year expectations

RED: Making limited progress; currently unlikely to achieve end of year expectations

More detailed information about our KS3 assessment framework can be found in the Assessment Booklets which are located on the school website by clicking on the School Life tab and selecting KS3 from the drop down menu. The documents will be found in the download section at the bottom of the page.

Progress Flight Paths

Each student receives a letter stating their own individual flight path based on their KS2 SAT results or CAT results and GCSE expectations from the Department of Education. The GCSE indicator grades are holistic, indicating potential for attainment across all subjects. As the indicator is not subject specific, you can expect to see particular strengths or areas for development emerging in certain areas of the curriculum and it is very likely that students will exceed these indicators in some subjects and struggle to meet them in others. Using this information and the Key Learning Concept grids, your child is aware of their expected progress each year (illustrated in the grid below).

GCSE Indicator grades	End of Y7 Position on Assessment Grid	End of Y8 Position on Assessment Grid	End of Y9 Position on Assessment Grid
Grades 7 - 9	Secure	Confident	Exceptional
Grades 6 - 7	Consolidate	Secure	Confident
Grades 4 - 6	Establish	Consolidate	Secure
Grades 1 - 4	Acquire	Establish	Consolidate

The GCSE indicator grades underpin the expected flight path for students on the Key Learning Concept grids. It is important to note that the GCSE indicator grade is shared in Year 7, in order to see the five-year journey but at KS3 we do not measure progress against the GCSE indicator grades but using our KS3 assessment grids (table above).

Other Information on the Reports

a) Current Attendance

This is expressed as a % and shows your child's current overall attendance between the specified dates.

b) Late to Lesson

This shows the number of times your child has been late to each subject lesson between the specified dates.

c) Behaviour Points

This shows the number of negative behaviour points that your child has been awarded between the specified dates.

d) Reward Points

This shows the number of positive behaviour points that your child has been awarded between the specified dates.

Appendix 1: Learning Profiles

Learning Profile Descriptors

Please find below further details about the learning behaviours we are expecting to see in each of the three learning profile areas.

Prepared for Learning

Students are organised and take responsibility:

they bring the correct equipment, including the planner and home learning; they understand and use their own targets to inform their future work

Students are punctual; they have the 'right tools' for the work they have to complete in their individual lessons. Students use the planner and other documentation to record targets; these are referred to and reflected on regularly in order to improve work. Students complete home learning to a good standard with purpose and pride; it is handed in on time. Students catch up on work they have missed through absence.

Attitude to Learning

Students are determined and exercise self-control:

they take pride in achieving the best they can; they work hard to solve problems and overcome difficulties

Students contribute to the learning in the lesson by listening carefully, modelling appropriate behaviour for learning and supporting others. Students are not afraid to make mistakes. They demonstrate persistence and resilience, and value the mastering of skills. Students present work to the best of their ability.

Engaged in Learning

Students are independent and show interest:

they participate positively in a variety of ways and demonstrate curiosity

Students actively seek to extend their knowledge, skills and understanding, and show that they derive pleasure from this. Students demonstrate that they see the relationships between different subjects; they enjoy finding out about viewpoints other than their own. Through their thoughtful contributions, including offering opinions and asking questions, students enhance learning; they try to reflect on why or how learning takes place.

KS3 Reporting of the Learning Profile

For each aspect of learning, teachers will judge the consistency with which students display the behaviours described and this will be reported as an overall RAG (Red/Amber/Green) rating where all students are aiming to achieve a Green rating in each subject area. Dark Green highlights an exceptional profile.

If the student's overall RAG rating is Amber or Red, subject teachers will identify a specific area of concern that needs to be addressed for the rating to improve to Green.

Appendix 2: Reporting Calendar 2020-21

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Term 1			
Term 2	12th November 2020 Interim Report & Progress Expectations Issued	19th November 2020 Interim Report Issued	19th November 2020 Interim Report Issued
Term 3	4th February 2021 Progress Report Issued		21st January 2021 Progress Report Issued 30th January 2021 Options Evening 11th February 2021 Subject Consultation Meetings
Term 4		18th March 2021 Full Report Issued	
Term 5	22nd April 2021 Subject Consultation Meetings	6th May 2021 Subject Consultation Meetings	13th May 2021 Full Report Issued
Term 6	8th July 2021 Full Report Issued		21st July 2021 End of Year Report Issued