

Year 7 & Year 8 Assembly

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Underachievement on your trackers

- ❑ You don't have target grades on your trackers
- ❑ Teachers assess your progress via the colours
 - ❑ RED, AMBER, GREEN, PURPLE
- ❑ Why don't we give you target grades?
 - ❑ In the first instance, these are based on your SAT results from primary school
 - ❑ We then increase some of your targets based on how you do during KS3 (ie Y7&8)
 - ❑ Some of you make rapid progress during KS3 because you put in lots of effort
 - ❑ Some of you work as we would expect you to, based on your KS2 results
 - ❑ Some of you need to pull your finger out as your effort is very poor!
- ❑ You may get target grades when you enter Year 9 - but you may not!

Imagine this is your new tracker. What does it tell us about you?

Subject	Target Grade	RAGP	Teacher Prediction	BfL
English				3
Maths				3
Science				2
History				3
Geography				2
Music				3
PE				3

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Things you MUST keep in mind:

- ❑ You must act upon feedback to improve AND re-take tests if necessary
- ❑ Teachers predict what they think you will achieve at the END OF YEAR 11 based on your CURRENT levels of classwork, homework, test results & effort
- ❑ They take the GCSE criteria into account when assessing your progress
 - ❑ GCSE PE: 70% theory, 30% practical.
 - ❑ MFL: 25% each for Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing.
 - ❑ Music: you must be able to sing, play an instrument and have tuition in order to be successful in the performance unit, worth 30% of the GCSE
- ❑ Pupils who have a BfL of 3 generally don't underachieve at GCSE
- ❑ If we tell you your target in Maths is a 5, you may stop trying as hard, but actually your teacher believes you could easily achieve a 6!
- ❑ If we tell you your target in Maths is a 4, you may stop trying as hard because you think "what's the point?". But that 4 is based on your KS2 result when you had 3 teachers in one year AND you had 3 weeks off due to illness!

Which subjects should you be taking to GCSE?

Subject	Target Grade	RAGP	Teacher Prediction	BfL
English	6		7	3
Maths	5		8	3
Science	5		5	2
History	6		5	3
Geography	6		5	2
Music	6		2	3
PE	5		2	3

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Science: If your BfL is 2 and your teacher believes you should still achieve your target grade of 5, what grade could you get if you improved your BfL to a 3?

Music: Your BfL is the best it can be, but your music teacher thinks you are achieving far below your target grade. Is this because you can't play a musical instrument or sing in tune? Perhaps you're struggling to read music notation too. Is GCSE music the right choice for you?

History: Your effort is excellent, but your teacher believes you're not really performing at grade 6 standard - yet! Keep on working hard, respond to your teacher's feedback, and perhaps your progress will improve. Or perhaps History is not the subject for you to choose to GCSE?

Geography: If you improved your effort, could your progress improve to be in line with your target?

PE: You work really hard in PE, but sadly your hand-to-eye coordination is really poor. If that doesn't improve, you will really struggle with the practical element of GCSE PE, which is worth 30%.