

Understanding Progress with the new GCSE grades



A guide for students and parents

On your report you will see your **Potential Grade (PG)** and your **Current Grade (CG)** for each of your GCSE subjects.

Your **Potential Grade** is a grade you could achieve at the end of Year 11 with consistent hard work and application. If you go on to achieve your PG then it is a sign that you have made excellent progress. *The PG is based on your performance at Key Stage 2 and the progress you have made so far at Trinity.*

Your **Current Grade** is the grade you are currently working at. It is likely to be below your PG, particularly in years 9 and 10. You would expect the gap between your PG and your CG to close as you gain more skills and knowledge over the period of your GCSE course.

Are you making good progress?

Your effort grades in each subject will be a very good indicator that you are making progress. 'A' grades reflect a great work ethic, leading to strong progress. You can read a description of what is expected for each effort grade on the back of your report.

In terms of the link between Potential Grades and Current Grades we hope the table below is helpful in understanding whether you are 'on track'. Please note this is a rough guide – students make progress at different rates in different subjects; if you have any concerns or questions about progress in a particular subject then please get in touch with the subject teacher.

Rough guide to progress towards Potential Grade:

Potential Grade for end of year 11	Middle of Year 9		Middle of Year 10		Middle of Year 11	
	Good Progress	Excellent Progress	Good Progress	Excellent Progress	Good Progress	Excellent Progress
3	1	2	1	2	2	3
4	1	2	2	3	3	4
5	2	3	3	4	4	5
6	3	4	4	5	5	6
7	4	5	5	6	6	7
8	5	6	6	7	7	8
9	6	7	7	8	8	9

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