

Understanding Your Report: Progress Check January 2026

This is the grade given following the recent 'Mock Examinations'. It allows students to see how close they are to the standards of the real GCSE exams that they will sit at the end of the year. For some subjects a Mock exam was not appropriate at this stage and so these will be left blank.



Subject	Mock Exam Result	Effort	Predicted Grade	GCSE Target Grade	Homework	Behaviour
Example	5	4	5=	6+		



Where appropriate a **Predicted GCSE Grade** is given for each subject. These are based on teacher assessments. This is an indication of the most likely GCSE or equivalent grade a student will achieve if they continue to work at their current rate. For many subjects the GCSE grades are a single number ranging from **1** to **9**. (See the table below for further information about GCSE and vocational qualifications.) 'Science Trilogy' will have two numbers because it is a double award GCSE. The confidence of each predicted grade is indicated by using a +, = or – sign. For example, if the prediction is a **4+** then a higher grade might also be realistic. A **4=** means that this grade is the most likely whilst a **4-** indicates that a lower grade is a possibility. Assessments will be reviewed regularly to help celebrate student success or indicate where improvements are necessary.

GCSE Target Grade:

This is an **aspirational target** based on the scores achieved at Key Stage 2 for each student. They compare the results of previous students who had a similar profile. They give an early indication of the grades that are possible if a student maintains good effort in their lessons.

The confidence of each target grade is indicated in the same way as the predicted grade with either a +, = or – sign.

Students and parents can see how the predicted grade compares to their target grade.

The ambition for every student should be to meet or exceed their targets. There is no limit on progress no matter where a student starts from.

The Criteria for Effort, Behaviour and Homework can be found overleaf.

GCSE Grades	Creative Media	Information Technology	Vocational Qualification Descriptions. (GCSE equivalence is shown in brackets.)
9	L2D*	*2	Level 2 Distinction* (8.5)
8			
7	L2D	D2	Level 2 Distinction (7.5)
6	L2M	M2	Level 2 Merit (5.5)
5			
4	L2P	P2	Level 2 Pass (4)
3	L1D	D1	Level 1 Distinction (3)
2	L1M	M1	Level 1 Merit (2)
1	L1P	P1	Level 1 Pass (1.25)
U	U	U	Unclassified

This table shows how GCSE and other qualifications compare.

GCSEs are graded 1 to 9 where 9 is the highest grade awarded.

We hope that the information in this Progress Check is helpful.

A reminder that if you have any concerns then please contact your child's Form Tutor or Miss Patel, Head of Year 11.