

Grace Academy Solihull

Guide to Year 7 and 8 Assessment Point Reports

Assessment Point Reports are designed to keep you informed of the progress of your child in their subject areas. This allows you to become more involved in the education of your child and to have a greater impact on their academic success at Grace Academy.

The reports will be produced regularly throughout the academic year and will provide you with up to date information on your child so that any underperformance can be addressed and success celebrated.

What information do they contain?

Each report provides you with a Headline table which summarises three important areas of information for each subject.

Subject	On Track to Reach GCSE Target	Attitude to Learning	GCSE Target
Art	Below	Requires Improvement	6
Drama	Above	Outstanding	6
English	On	Good	6

- 1. On Track to reach GCSE Target** – This is an indication of how well a student is currently performing in that subject and is colour coded to support you in identifying areas where a student needs to improve.



Above = This student is currently working at a level which means they will achieve above their GCSE target.



On = This student is currently working at a level which means they will meet their GCSE target.



Below = This student is currently working at a level which means they will achieve below their GCSE target.

If a child is working **Below** for a subject it is clearly very important that they are supported and encouraged at home and in school to get them back on track.

- 2. Attitude to Learning** – This is a judgement on your child's attitude to learning in a subject. General descriptions are provided on the report although the specific reasons for underperformance in this area will vary and not all of the descriptor will always apply.
- 3. GCSE Target** – This is the minimum grade that your child is expected to reach by the end of year 11 in a particular subject. This is a national expectation based on your child's ability when they join us and does not represent the limit of their potential. At Grace Academy we encourage as many students as possible to achieve beyond their target grade. These targets are continually reviewed and may change as students develop.

Attendance Information

Good attendance is essential if your child is to achieve well.

97%-100% = OUTSTANDING/VERY GOOD attendance

96%-95% = GOOD attendance

94-90% = CONCERN below average attendance

89% or below = UNSATISFACTORY

Frequently Asked Questions

What if there is data missing for my child?

In some cases, due to long periods of absence or a recent change to a course, it is not always possible to provide grades/levels for all subjects. If you are concerned please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Why have my child's targets changed ?

Targets are reviewed throughout the academic year and are set based on a range of factors including external national performance. These targets do not represent the limit of a child's potential. At Grace Academy we encourage as many students as possible to achieve beyond their target grade. These targets are continually reviewed and may change as students develop.

What should I do with this information?

At Grace Academy we want parents and carers to become as involved in the learning and progress of their children as possible. Where a student is working **Below** the level that is expected, we would ask that you support them in making more progress in this area. In some cases you may wish to contact the teacher if you have a concern about a particular subject area or their Assistant Head of Year if you have concerns in a number of subject areas.

When can I speak to my child's teachers?

Throughout the academic year you will be given opportunities to come in to the academy and speak to your child's teachers in parental review days, however please feel free to contact a particular teacher at any time. They will be more than happy to work with you to ensure that your child makes as much progress as possible. Your child's teacher will be able to give you advice on how you can support your child's progress.

Extra Information

GCSE Targets

Number Grades: GCSE grades have changed nationally from letters to numbers ranging from 1(lowest) to 9(highest) which is broadly in line with the old A-G with extra challenge at the top end.

New GCSE Numbers vs GCSE Grades: Although the new numbers do not directly relate to the old GCSE grades, we have included a conversion chart to support you with understanding the transition to the new GCSEs.

GCSE Grades	New GCSE Numbers
	9
A*	8
A	7
B	5/6
C	4/5
D	3
E/F	2
G	1
U	U