



# Icknield Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Reporting Student Progress

One of our key priorities at Icknield Community College is to ensure that all students, whatever their starting points in Year 7, make at least the progress they should by the end of Year 11. I thought it might be helpful to communicate to you, as parents, what represents good or outstanding progress so that the attainment information you receive is more meaningful.

All students are expected to make three levels of progress from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 (from the end of Year 6 to the end of Year 11) in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, as illustrated in the table below:

KS2 National Curriculum Level	KS4 Expected Level (National Curriculum Level equivalencies in brackets)
5	Grade B (8)
4	Grade C (7)
3	Grade D (6)
2 or below	Grade E (5)

“Expected” progress, as set out above, would be considered to be “good” progress. To make better than good or “outstanding” progress, students would need to make 4 or 5 levels of progress from Year 7 to 11 as follows:

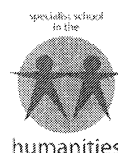
KS2 National Curriculum Level	4 levels of progress	5 levels of progress
5	Grade A (9*)	Grade A* (10*)
4	Grade B (8)	Grade A (9*)
3	Grade C (7)	Grade B (8)
2 or below	Grade D (6)	Grade C (7)

*\*Please note that it is not actually possible to achieve a National Curriculum 9/10 – these simply denote levels of progress.*

It is worth noting that more able students tend to make quicker progress than those who start with a lower KS2 National Curriculum level.

Students’ target grades reflect our expectation that all students should achieve expected or better levels of progress. Target grades also take into account national performance in different subject areas and are adjusted accordingly.

To ensure that our reporting of student progress is as accurate and robust as possible, we are making some changes to the current system:



### Key Stage 3

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be provided with a **Current Level** at the end of every "old" term indicating the National Curriculum level at which the student is currently working. This will be approximately every 12 weeks which will give teaching staff a suitable period in which to assess the progress students have made. This level will take into account a range of assessment activities and will not be based on one piece of work. Students should demonstrate progress by moving up National Curriculum levels over the three year key stage.

### Key Stage 4

Students will be provided with a **Predicted Grade** indicating what they are likely to achieve at the end of the two year course. The first of these will be in December of Year 10. They will then be issued every "new term" (approximately every 6 weeks) for the remainder of Year 10 and 11, updated in the light of performance in each subject area.

### For both Key Stages

#### Homework

A homework grade (1 to 4) will also be reported at every grade collection. Criteria will be made available on the grade card itself and will refer to completion and quality of homework.

#### Effort

Students will continue to receive an effort grade (1 to 4) as they do currently.

If you have any queries about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other relevant member of staff in school.

Yours faithfully



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