

Changes to Assessment at Key Stage 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the changes to Key Stage 3 assessment which we have implemented at Ormiston Rivers Academy.

As you may be aware there are currently many changes taking place in education in all key stages. At Key Stage 3, national curriculum attainment levels have been removed and schools are expected to implement their own means of assessing student progress. At Ormiston Rivers Academy we have embraced the opportunity to evaluate our own practices and have developed a bespoke system that allows us to prepare our students for the requirements of the next key stage.

The Academy has developed a non-number based system which allows us to consider the strengths of our students, based on subject specific criteria, as well as showing them how to improve.

The table below shows how progress will be measured using the new system.

NEW KS3 Levels	Beginning	Developing	Secure	Confident	Exceptional	Beyond
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For students in year 9, this table shows the conversion of current GCSE grades to the new numeric system effective in English and Maths exams taken in 2017 and all other subjects in 2018.

Old GCSE Grades	F/G	E	D	C-	C+/B-	B+	A	A*	(A** - DID NOT EXIST)
NEW GCSE Grades for all subjects from Sept 2016	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Reports are shared on Go4Schools where you can also track the latest assessments that your child has completed.

We will be increasing the regularity with which we report to parents in all year groups this year with a summary report being available to parents and students on Go4Schools. This will contain present performance in all subjects, predicted levels for the end of the year, behaviour and attendance information. Dates for consultation evenings can be seen overleaf.

Consultation evenings:

Date	Report
19 th January 2017	Year 8 Parent's evening
20 th April 2017	Year 9 Parent's evening
22 nd June 2017	Year 7 Parent's evening

We are happy to discuss your child's progress at any point over the course of the year and if you have any concerns or questions please contact your child's Achievement Director:

Year 7 – Mrs Turnnidge lturnnidge@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 8 – Miss Nickson rnickson@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

Year 9 – Mrs Wells vwells@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk

We have enclosed, within this booklet, a parental user guide for Go4Schools. You can also access the system via the academy app; this is a free download available from www.myedschoolapp.com. Should you have any queries or questions please contact our network manager, Mr P Crisp pcrisp@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Bennett
Vice Principal