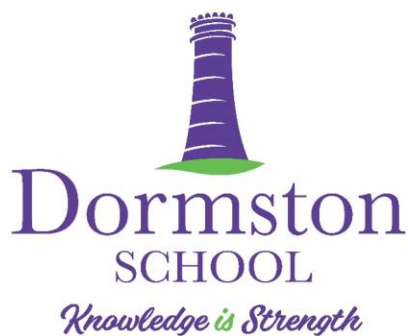


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Year 10 Parents

Dear Parent/Carer



Re: End of KS4 Targets for Year 10

I am writing to explain the End of Key Stage 4 target grades which are going live on Go4Schools this week for your child. This is the first time that you will have seen GCSE targets for your child in subjects other than English, Maths & Science and I would like to explain how these targets are generated.

As your child was the first year group to complete SATs in Year 6 post-Covid these are the primary basis for their targets, as opposed to using their progress and attainment at Key Stage 3. When measuring progress at GCSE, the Department for Education use a pupil's SATs as their starting point. They will consider your child's KS2 scores in Reading and Maths and then calculate, for each subject, what grade they should achieve at GCSE on average. Therefore, we use historical data on starting points (KS2 SAT scores) and end points (GCSE grades) to set aspirational End of KS4 targets for our pupils.

For example, Pupil X received 100 in both their Reading and Maths tests at KS2. Historically, pupils with these scores go on to achieve a grade 4 on average in English Language & Maths. As this is an average measure, around 50% of pupils with these KS2 scores will score higher than a grade 4 in these subjects.

If your child did not complete SATs in Year 6, their targets will have been generated based on their attainment throughout KS3.

We use slightly elevated, aspirational targets with pupils to keep them motivated as they move through the next two years.

There will be some students who exceed their targets in Year 10 / 11 and who may be disappointed with their target grades based on their achievement at KS3 and their own goals at GCSE. Pupils need to understand where their targets have come from and recognise that when they do exceed their targets they are performing much better than their peers with the same starting point.

When reports are issued, teachers will be setting 'Teacher Targets' for pupils. These targets will be based on the teacher's expertise and knowledge of how your child is performing. This isn't stating that your child should get this grade but is the grade they should be working towards.

I hope that this explains the basis behind the End of KS4 Targets present on Go4Schools. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

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