

KS4 Termly Reports: Explanatory Notes & useful information

The following notes are intended to help you understand the information in termly Student Achievement (SA) reports, and as a guide to KS4 Tracking and Assessment at JCoSS.

Predicted Grade for End of Course:	The 'Prediction' is based on the grade we currently think a student will achieve if they continue working at their current rate. This is a professional judgment based on a combination of test results, regular class work and home learning. All GCSE subjects are graded from 9 (highest) to 1 (lowest). A Grade 4 is considered a 'standard pass', and a Grade 5 a 'strong pass'. Vocational subjects are graded from D* (highest) to P1 (lowest). A Grade P2 is considered a 'standard pass' and an M2 a 'strong pass'.
Target Grade for End of Course	The Target for the End of Course is the grade that a student should be capable of achieving by the end of the GCSE course (in most cases the end of Year 11). These targets have been calculated using Key Stage 2 SATS (if taken) and the CAT tests sat when students join JCoSS. They also take account of attainment at the end of Year 9, and teacher assessment and observation during their time at JCoSS. This is at the minimum, an FFT5 grade, from the Fischer Family Trust. (This is the average grade achieved by the top 5% of students who sit in a group which shares the same gender, prior attainment at Key Stage 2, & month of birth.) If a student is already meeting or exceeding this target, subject teachers may agree new individual targets so that students are always challenged to aim higher.
Engagement Grades	Students receive a grade out of 5 for: Effort Home Learning Behaviour 1 is the highest grade which can be achieved, 5 the lowest. Please see the Engagement table for further detail of these criteria.
Average Engagement Grades for your child	Your child will receive an average of all their engagement grades at the bottom of their report. This is their average grade for effort and behaviour, across all subjects. 1 being the highest and 5 being the lowest score. There is no average grade for Home learning as some practical subjects do not set home learning.
Average Engagement Grades average for your child's year group	Underneath your child's average grade, you will find the average grade for the year group as a whole. Should you wish to, you can contextualise the grade your child has received in relation to their year group. E.g. Example 1: Student A receives an average effort grade of 1.33. The rest of their year group have an average effort grade of 1.86, therefore Student A has achieved a higher than average effort grade compared to the rest of their year group. Example 2: Student B receives an average Home Learning grade of 2.83. The rest of the year group has an average grade for Home Learning of 1.66. therefore, student B has received a lower than average Home Learning grade compared to rest of their year group.
WWW SA3 only	This is a comment from teachers on 'what went well' for your child and appears on one SA Report annually.
EBI SA3 only	This is a comment from teachers based on what they could do to progress in the subject and stands for 'even better if'. It appears on one SA Report annually.
Attendance	The statistics given are current at the date of printing. A 90% figure would mean one day off per fortnight on average. It is worth reflecting that if continued throughout all 5 years to GCSE this figure would represent 1½ terms off school in total.

Government statistics show that the further attendance drops below 95%, the more heavily student attainment is impacted at KS4.

What grade should my child be on?

There is of course no such thing as an “average child” and at JCoSS we understand all our young people are all individuals and a computer generated grade cannot encompass their multifaceted selves. Even if there was, he or she would be achieving different grades in different subjects. What matters is not a student’s grade relative to anyone else, but that they know and understand what grade they are on and how they can make progress in line with their potential.

JCoSS Reporting Process – *What happens in school with the data on this report? How is it used?*

There are 3 Student Achievement (‘SA’) cycles per year, each following the same process:

- Teachers input grades using their professional judgment. This information is collated and sent to parents. Within school it is scrutinised rigorously by Heads of Subjects, Faculties, Years and Key Stages, and by Senior Leaders, to build up a picture of individuals, departments and cohorts.
- Actions are implemented as necessary following this process of analysis.
 - Students who consistently demonstrate that they are working at, or above targets may be issued with new targets.
 - Students identified as underachieving are directed to interventions which may include an Engagement Report, catch up work, Faculty catch-up sessions, class teacher interventions, etc.
- Students and their form tutors discuss reports during ‘SA Weeks’. Students review and reflect upon their own progress and set themselves aims and goals for the period up to the next ‘SA Week’. This is documented in writing.
- The impact of any interventions is analysed ready to inform next steps.

The chart below indicates the best person to contact for a whole range of queries; if you are in any doubt or do not know the correct email address, please address all correspondence to admin@jcross.barnet.sch.uk and the office will ensure it reaches the correct members of staff:

Nature of query	Whom to contact
<i>Progress or behaviour in an individual subject</i>	<i>Subject teacher</i>
<i>Progress or behaviour in several subjects</i>	<i>Form tutor</i>
Student’s wellbeing or family circumstances	Form tutor
Incidents and issues outside lessons	Form tutor
Payments including School Trip payments	Finance Office
Examinations	Exams Office
Student absence	Student Services
JCoSS Coaches	Transport Officer
All other enquiries (or where you are unsure)	Main Office