

Explanation of Learning Cycle Report Information for Parents 2023/24

Year 9

The school follows and assesses the students according to the National Curriculum for Key Stage 3 (11-14). The National Curriculum does not have any grades or levels; the student's progress is assessed on the quality of the skills and knowledge they demonstrate in their work.

In order to provide an indication of success in those assessments, the reports contain "flightpaths" that compare their performance against the starting point of their age-related tests at the end of Primary school (Key Stage 2 Tests).

(PLEASE NOTE: The Covid pandemic meant that these tests did not take place in 2020 and 2021. King James's replaced the tests with ones provided by an external specialist, GL Assessments. Nevertheless, the government may apply a slightly different set of attainment data when setting targets at GCSE level.)

This "flightpath" then indicates whether they are moving forward in their curriculum. Students may find that some of their assessments are less successful than others, as they complete different topics. When this happens it will be noticeable on the flight path and that will be a topic area to improve upon in future.

If a student does not have a starting point, it is because they did not take the Year 6 tests, or they have recently joined school.

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