



Embed confidence; fuel ambition

Assessment Handbook

Target setting, tracking and reporting

2020/21



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The Lawnswood Way

Effective assessment is integral to the teaching and learning process. The identification of a student's strengths and areas for development should take place within every lesson, and be used to inform planning, differentiation and feedback by the teacher.

It is expected that each class teacher regularly gathers information from formative assessments, that have been scheduled by subject areas at the start of the year, and that this information is recorded on the subject trackers. Individual student data should be recorded at least every 9 lessons, and this information should be accessible by all staff in the school and used in the following way:

- To allow class teachers to monitor the impact of their teaching and adapt their approach accordingly
- To allow for periods of re-engagement in order to plug gaps in knowledge
- To allow for whole school support and intervention by subject leaders, heads of year, year managers, teaching assistants, HLTAs
- To allow for informed predicted grades to be generated each term
- To allow subject leaders and SLT to monitor the progress made by students directly and support teachers where progress is below expected.

Whole School Data will not be gathered just for the sake of it, and will not always be grade or level data. Any information gathered must serve at least one of the following purposes:

- Inform planning and intervention in order to accelerate progress
- Report to parents about student progress

All information gathered about student progress should be shared and discussed with the students themselves, so that they are aware of how to make improvements. Peer and self-assessment are key tools, and students must be explicitly trained in how to do this effectively so as to have a direct impact on progress.

Target data will be treated with caution, and a variety of tools will be used to support students in setting meaningful targets, that support the development of a growth mindset.

All students are supported to achieve, at least, in line with students nationally at all key stages. It is the teacher's role to evaluate the student's current position and provide the necessary interventions in lessons to support all students to achieve the highest possible outcomes, regardless of special educational need or circumstance.

Standards are maintained by a consistent and rigorous approach to line management, appraisal, data collection, quality assurance and self-evaluation.

CPD is provided to support assessment and the CPD model has been developed using research evidence such as that gathered through the National Leadership Programmes, the Sutton Trust Report and the work of Hattie and Dweck.

The Assessment Cycle

Across all key stages a similar approach to assessment is employed, that involves a cycle of self, peer and teacher assessment. Work is marked following the core principles of PINS:

Positives – *Teacher highlights what the student is doing well*

Improvements – *Teacher highlights key improvements*

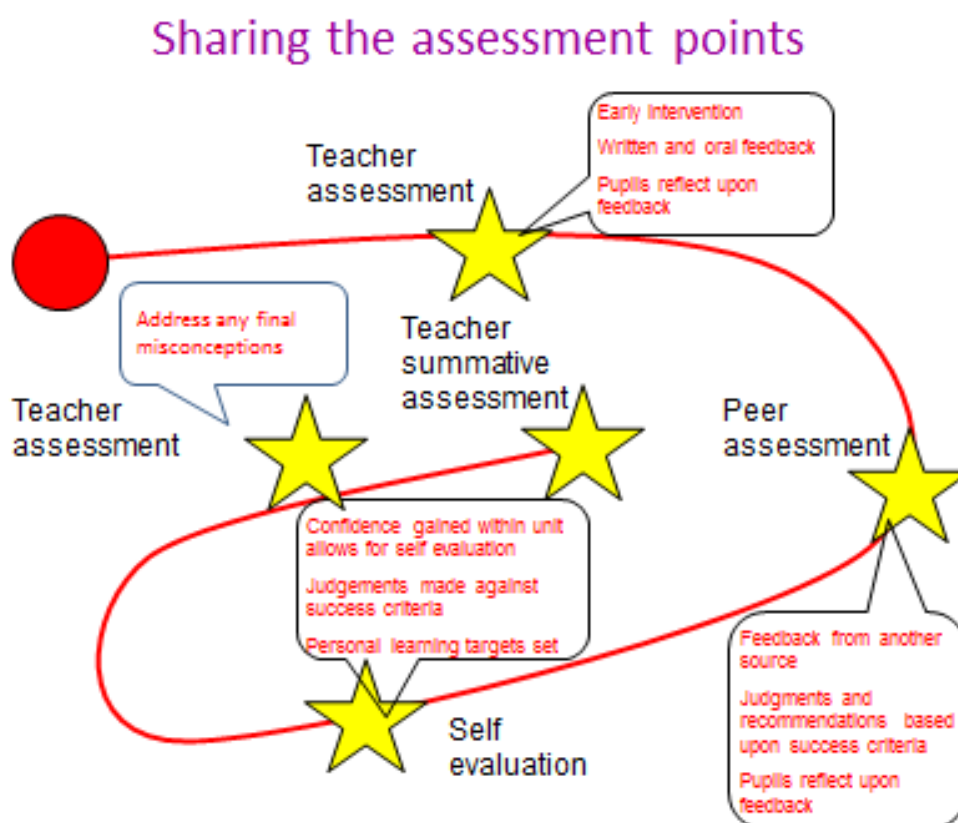
Next steps – *Teacher provides a direct instruction to the student*

Show me – *Student responds to the instruction in green pen.*

The Assessment Schedule

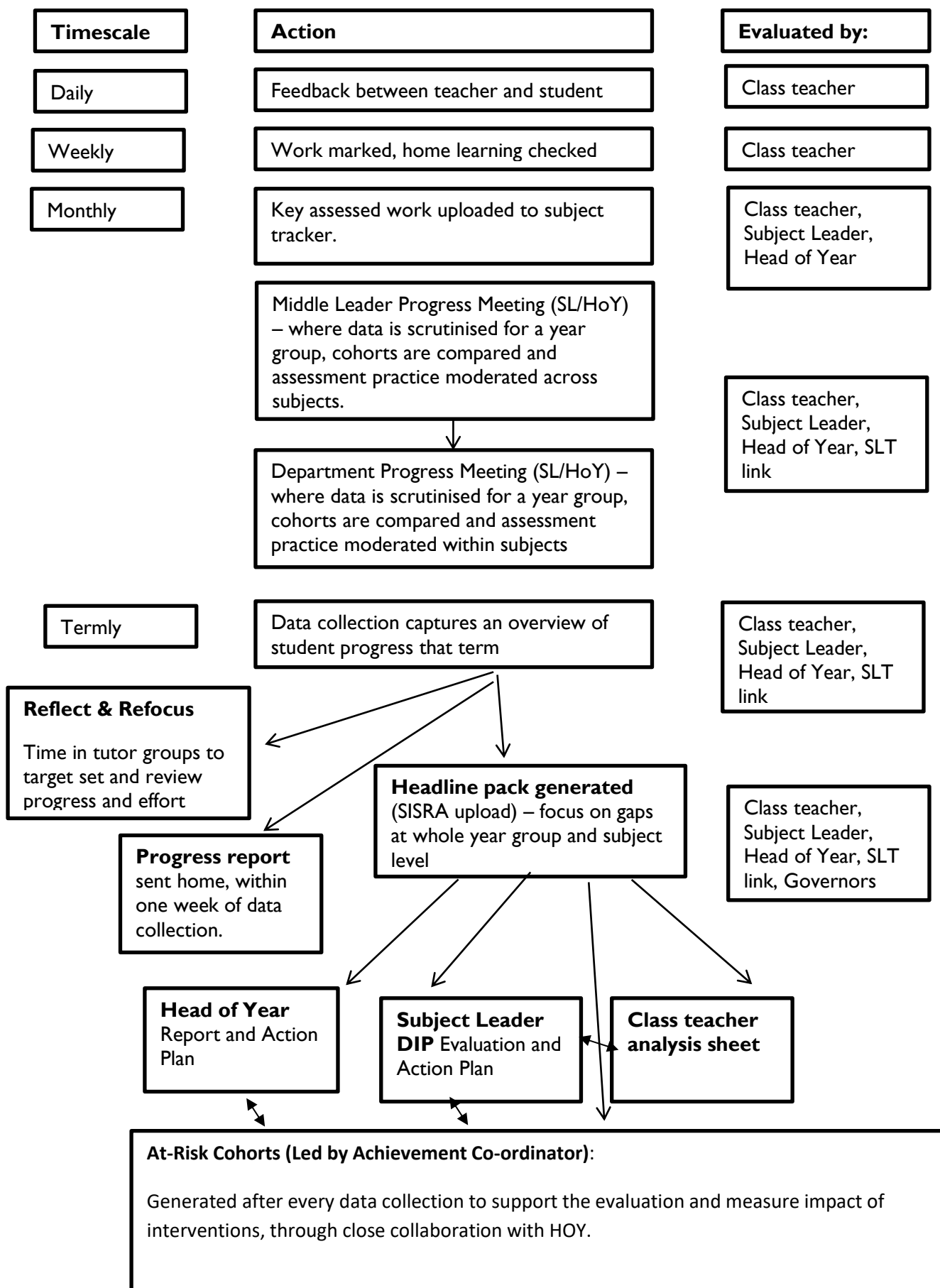
Every subject follows a detailed calendar of scheduled assessments in addition to regular smaller assessed tasks. In principle, schemes are planned following the model below, as students are supported to understand how assessment supports the learning process.

The Assessment Journey



The Assessment Schedule

The model below provides a summary of a typical timescale, this will vary slightly depending on the year group and subject. At every stage direct action and intervention is expected.



Assessment Calendar

Week		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
1	1	Sept w/td about LWD					Induction week	
2	2						Lessons begin	
3	1							DC - UCAS pred
4	2		PTE,PTM	PTE,PTM		Parent info	Parent info	
5	1	Oct						
6	2		Settling in			DCI - No Eff		
7	1						DCI - Effort only	DCI
8	2							
9	1	Nov				PCE		
10	2		PTE, PTM	DCI				
11	1		DCI					
12	2		DCI & TR			MFL Speak		
13	1	Dec			DCI	Exams		
14	2					Exams		Exams
15	1					Taster		
16	2	Jan	Reading tests	Reading tests	Reading Tests		DC2	Exams
17	1							DC2
18	2				Options eve		DC2	
19	1	Feb			Target setting	Interviews	PCE	PCE
20	2				Target setting week	Interviews		
21	1				PCE			
22	2	Mar			DC2			
23	1				DC2	Core mocks		
24	2		DC2		PCE			
25	1		DC2					
26	2		PCE			DC3	DC3	DC3
27	1	Apr						
28	2							
29	1		PCE					
30	2	May				DC4 pred only		
31	1				DC3	Exams		
32	2					Exams		Exams
33	1	Jun	Exams	Exams		Exams		Exams
34	2					Exams		Exams
35	1				Exams	Reading test		Exams
36	2		Reading tests/DC3	Reading tests/DC3		Exams		FOYF
37	1	July		Reading tests/DC3	Interviews		Work exp/DC4	
38	2				DC4			
39	1							
40	2							

PTM/PTE – Progress in maths/English GL Assessment

DC – Data Collection

TR – Tutor Report

PCE – Parents’ consultation evening

Orange box = Commitment Week

Pale blue = Confidence week

Whole School Principles

Student Targets

Estimated grades generated by L3VA transition matrices (KS5), FFT Aspire (KS4), and CATs (KS3) are used to generate expected progress outcomes across all key stages, in line with national outcomes. These estimates are used to evaluate teacher, subject and whole school performance both in reporting to Governors, standards reviews and the appraisal process.

However, students interact with these estimates in order to generate aspirational student targets during Year 10 and Year 12. This takes place in the second term of the academic year.

Student Progress File

All teaching staff use these estimates, alongside cohort information to generate a class context sheet, that is placed in their student progress file, which is present in the lesson and supports planning/ seating plans etc. We have introduced Class Charts and this is now fulfilling much of the functionality of this file, in addition we are uploading key data onto Provision Mapping, so that teachers have access to the maximum amount of information possible to support their planning.

Reporting

A Progress Report is sent home to parents on a termly basis. The report provides information about the progress being made towards targets and the level of engagement of their child through the Lawnswood effort grades that are issued with each report:

The school has high expectations of student effort. Research suggests that students make progress when they show characteristics of great learners.

We rate student's effort with these expectations in mind:

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Key Stage 3

Lawnswood School seized the opportunity provided by the new National Curriculum, and fully embraced Life after Levels.

All students at Key Stage 3 are assessed following these core principles:

- Success criteria must be clear and shared with students and parents
- The development of thinking skills and metacognition must be valued in all subject areas, and planned for in schemes of work
- Work must be regularly assessed and feedback provided and acted upon
- Assessed work must be moderated to ensure consistent approaches both within subjects and across subjects
- Levels/grades will NOT be shared with students, all feedback will be qualitative and provide clear 'next steps'
- Scheduling of units of work must allow for periods of re-engagement and intervention
- Students must be aware of the progress they are expected to make and how to move beyond that in every subject
- Reporting to parents must support greater dialogue and understanding of their child's performance and next steps
- Students must be able to move through the scheme at varying rates to ensure that all are challenged and make rapid progress.

Expected progress

Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) are completed by all students upon arrival at Lawnswood School and these are used to generate estimated GCSE outcomes for each subject.

The results from these assessments, along with reading scores and key stage 2 outcomes are shared with parents during Settling-In Evening in Year 7.

The data is used to generate a Student Profile, of data which is stored on SIMs, and it is this student profile that teachers use to decide whether a student has made the expected level of progress from their individual starting point.

Monitoring progress

As teachers work through the scheme of work they complete a variety of assessment tasks, these are marked and students are expected to respond to the feedback.

Subject leaders moderate the assessment results and support staff in deciding what outcomes are expected for students from different starting points. A full rationale of the approach taken by each subject is available, and a detailed tracker is maintained in each subject area for all key stage 3 classes.

Data collections

Prior to each data collection information on the subject tracker is used to decide how much progress a student has made across the taught units in that subject. Each child is assigned the following descriptors to indicate the progress they have made in terms of acquiring the expected knowledge, skills and application.

- Developing (D)
- Meeting (M)
- Exceeding (E)

Developing. This student will require extra support if they are to meet their expected GCSE grade in this subject.

Meeting. This student is on-track and making expected progress in this subject.

Exceeding. This student is making more than expected progress and is likely to achieve a higher GCSE grade than expected.

A report is generated for each student, showing their progress across the three strands, in each of their subjects (Appendix I).

Informing parents of the curriculum offer

Schedules and success criteria are shared with parents at the start of each term, via the website

Exercise books show clear evidence of success criteria, assessment and outcomes. Parents are encouraged to look at these regularly. The Assessment Journey is used to provide a consistent approach.

Tutor report – sent home with first data capture in Year 7, provides a qualitative statement about how the student has settled in and the progress they are making.

Termly progress data and effort grades.

Parents' consultation evening – whole school and an additional evening for students needing extra support.

End of year exams in every subject. Results inform the final data collection.

Video explanation of the report is provided on the website.

External assessment

The GL Assessment, Progress in English and maths assessments are used at the start of Year 7, 8 and 9 to evaluate the impact of teaching on progress in these two key areas.

Key Stage 4 & 5

Expected progress / student targets

All students must make progress at least in line with FFT 50 estimated grades (KS4) and L3VA top 25 estimated grades (KS5), the student's individual targets are set in discussion with the student, teachers and parents during the spring term or Year 10 and 12.

KS4

Students with prior attainment data (KS2)	FFT 50 estimates are used as the baseline for a discussion between teacher and students. A more aspirational target can be set by students, and this will be used for reporting to parents.
Students without prior attainment data (KS2)	CATs estimates of GCSE outcomes are used as the baseline for a discussion between teacher and students. A more aspirational target can be set by students, and this will be used for reporting to parents.

Targets are then uploaded onto SISRA, FFT Aspire and SIMs, to ensure that marksheets are up to date.

Monitoring progress

Subject trackers contain regular assessment scores, and these feed directly into the termly data collections.

Year 11 have additional data exports, direct to SISRA, as shown in the assessment calendar.

Data collections

Current and predicted data is collected for each student in each subject.

Current data - which will be a summary of the on-going assessment recorded on the SUBJECT TRACKER throughout the term.

Predicted data – the grade that the student will achieve at the end of the key stage, if they continue to work in the way that they are doing currently. The grade predicted needs to be realistic, based in evidence, and moderated by the subject leader.

Reporting

Termly reports are sent home to parents, which include the student target from data collection 2 onwards in Year 10 and 12. (Appendix 2)

External Data Sources

In order to ensure that the data we use is as valid and up to date as possible, the school uses a variety of external data sources and software. Below is a summary of the programmes used.

Programme	Main use	By whom	When
ASP & IDSR	Self-evaluation Results comparisons Question level analysis Inspection dashboard	SLT/Governors Middle leaders	November/January
L3VA Report	Self-evaluation	SLT/Governors Middle leaders	November
FFT Aspire	Self-evaluation Checking KS2 data Generating expected progress estimates. Target setting – Y10 Student profiles	SLT/Governors All teaching staff Students SLT/SL/HoY	November/January September February Ongoing when concerns arise
SISRA	Data analysis – KS4 Student intervention	All teaching staff	After each data collection.
Oxford Analytics Headstart Report	Self-evaluation & student intervention	SLT/Governors/SLs	KS5 results day Mock results analysis

Appendix I – Exemplar KS3 Report

Attendance & Punctuality

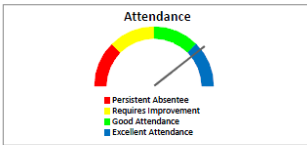
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- What does 90% actually mean?

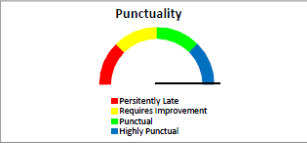
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From September 2015, 90% is also the threshold for persistent absence.


For children and young people to work towards achieving their potential, attendance needs to be above 95%.



Sessions present (out of 324)	318
Sessions lost due to absence	6
Overall Attendance %	98.1%



Sessions present (out of 324)	318
Sessions lost due to lateness	0
Overall Lateness %	0.0%



LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs J Bell

Y7 Report June 2017

Prior Attainment Key Stage 2

	English	Maths
Key Stage 2	117	106

Lawnswood Baseline Assessment

	Verbal	Non-Verbal	Quantitative	Mean
CATs Results	139	121	117	121

Progress

Subject	Knowledge	Skills	Application
English	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
Maths	Exceeding	Exceeding	Developing
Science	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
Geography	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding
History	Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding
French	Meeting	Exceeding	Meeting
Spanish	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
Art	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding
Drama	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
ICT	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
Music	Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding
PE	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
EPR	Exceeding	Exceeding	Exceeding
Technology	Meeting	Meeting	Meeting

	Key
Developing	Progress in this subject has been below expected rates, given this student's starting point. Opportunities will be provided to revisit the work and support given to help them catch up.
Meeting	Progress in this subject has been good, given this student's starting point.
Exceeding	Progress in this subject has been rapid and this student has made exceptional progress from their starting point.

Effort grades across the curriculum

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Subject	Effort Grade
English	3
Maths	2
Science	2
Geography	3
History	3
French	3
Spanish	2
Art	3
Drama	3
ICT	3
Music	3
PE	3
EPR	3
Technology	3

Commendations received since September 2016

Great learners communicate well: they enjoy reading, listen carefully to others, put effort into writing and can share their ideas with others.	5
Great learners show commitment: they are self motivated and know that effort means progress. They take responsibility for their own learning.	71
Great learners are curious: they are interested in finding out about new things. They explore issues or problems from different perspectives.	2
Great learners show confidence: they are not afraid to 'fail' and try again. They have self-belief and trust in their own efforts.	3
Great learners are creative: they choose from a range of strategies to tackle problems. They try out alternatives and follow through on ideas.	3
Great learners collaborate: they know that working with others helps to develop everybody's understanding. They show consideration for others.	6
Great learners celebrate learning: they engage actively with learning and reflect on their own successes. They look for positives and evaluate their experiences.	18

Appendix 2 – Exemplar KS4 Progress Report

Attendance & Punctuality

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- What does 90% actually mean?

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Sessions present (out of 208)	198
Sessions lost due to absence	10
Overall Attendance %	95.2%

Sessions present (out of 208)	198
Sessions lost due to lateness	10
Overall Lateness %	4.8%

LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL

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Y10 Report March 2017

Prior Attainment Key Stage 2

	English	Maths
Key Stage 2	4	4.35

Lawnswood Baseline Assessment

	Verbal	Non-Verbal	Quantitative	Mean
CATs Results	81	80	97	86

Progress

Core Subjects	Current Grade	Predicted Grade	Student Target
English Language	2	5	5
English Literature	2	5	5
Maths	2	4	4

EBACC Subjects	Current Grade	Predicted Grade	Student Target
Combined Science	3	3	4
Geography	3	4	5

Open Subjects	Current Grade	Predicted Grade	Student Target
Art	3	3	4
Computer Science	2	2	4
Product Design	E	D	D

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Subject	Effort Grade
English Language	2
English Literature	2
Maths	2
Combined Science	1
Geography	2
Art	2
Computer Science	2
Product Design	2

Commendations received since September 2016

Great learners communicate well; they enjoy reading, listen carefully to others, put effort into writing and can share their ideas with others.	0
Great learners show commitment; they are self motivated and know that effort means progress. They take responsibility for their own learning.	0
Great learners are curious; they are interested in finding out about new things. They explore issues or problems from different perspectives.	0
Great learners show confidence; they are not afraid to fail and try again. They have self-belief and trust in their own efforts.	0
Great learners are creative; they choose from a range of strategies to tackle problems. They try out alternatives and follow through on ideas.	0
Great learners collaborate; they know that working with others helps to develop everybody's understanding. They show consideration for others.	0
Great learners celebrate learning; they engage actively with learning and reflect on their own successes. They look for positives and evaluate their experiences.	1

