## STUDENT PROGRESS BOOKLET

**KEY STAGE 3** – Information to support student progress





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#### **KEY STAGE 3 ASSESSMENT**

Developing Knowledge, Skills & Understanding

The Hamble School's Key Stage 3 assessment framework uses a precise learning model to deliver the National Curriculum's knowledge, skills and understanding through the use of Learning Ladders to define the criteria for learning. The criteria is year group specific (age related) and broken down into progress statements:

**Emerging, Developing, Securing & Mastering.** 

#### Achieving Excellence Together

We believe that setting the 'bar' high will motivate our learners to aim high and ensure that all students are making excellent progress regardless of their starting points. For this reason, we believe all students should be at least **Securing** in their learning by the end of the year.

### **PROGRESS REVIEWS**

Student progress is tracked regularly by subject teachers and students are made aware of this using the Learning Ladders and the progress statements they contain. Evidence of this can be found in their exercise books or folders. Students should be able to describe their progress and have a clear understanding of what they need to do to improve. If your child is not aware of their current progress they should speak to their subject teacher or tutor. Knowing where they are, in terms of their learning, and what they need to do to improve will enable students to succeed.

In addition to regular progress checks in lessons, formal progress data will be collected from all subject areas and provided for parents at various points during the academic year. These will always follow a Review Assessment week and this, along with ongoing teacher assessment, will inform parental reporting.

Information will be provided on a student's overall progress within each subject, guidance for improvement, as well as information on their Attitude to Learning (ATL) (for in-class behaviour, active learning and effort) and Attitude to Homework (AHW). The key to success lies in a good Attitude to Learning (ATL) and Attitude to Homework (AHW) in all areas and through consistent hard work.

## UNDERSTANDING PROGRESS STATEMENTS

Progress at Key Stage 3 is a journey with students continuously demonstrating that they have embedded the Knowledge, Skills and Understanding essential to learning in each subject. The statements below are used to describe the students" progression through this journey.

**Below** – In some cases, a student may be given a current grade of "below". This means that they are currently working at a level below their expected progress for the year group, and are not meeting the requirements of that subject's learning ladder.

**Emerging** – Displaying the basic knowledge, skills and understanding for the given year group. This is broadly on course to achieve a GCSE grade 1, 2 or 3.

**Developing** – Displaying intermediate knowledge, skills and understanding for the given year group. Students have begun to deepen their knowledge and understanding in the subject. This is broadly on course to achieve a GCSE grade 4/5.

**Securing** – Displaying depth and breadth of knowledge, skills and understanding for the given year group in the subject. This is broadly on course to achieve a GCSE grade 6.

**Mastering** – Displaying advanced knowledge, skills and understanding for the given year group – demonstrating an excellent depth and breadth of understanding. This is broadly on course to achieve a GCSE grade 7 or above.

#### COLOUR CODED REPORTING

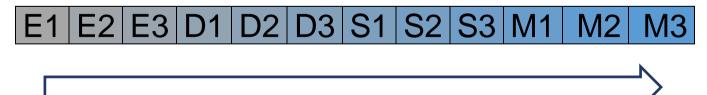
During the reporting process, each subject current grade will be colour coded to explain if your child is on track to meet their target by the end of the year, or not on track to meet their target.

Green – Your child is making good progress and we expect them to achieve their end of year target.

Yellow – Your child is on track to meet their target but must act on advice from the teacher and use the improvement targets/ linked resources

Red – Your child is not on track to meet their target and therefore needs to use the improvement target and linked resources to help them make progress.

#### MAKING GOOD PROGRESS



## AREAS OF STRENGTH & IMPROVEMENT GUIDANCE

#### **Areas of Strength**

Each subject divides their assessment into different foci areas. For example, English assessment is divided into:

- Critical Reading
- Reading Comprehension, and
- Writing.

Each subject will report a 'holistic' overview of how and what the student has been able to demonstrate so far.

#### **Improvement Guidance**

In most Progress Reviews (the early Autumn Year 7 PR1 review will only report ATL and AHW scores for each student as there is limited assessment data at this point in the academic year) each subject area will offer criteria for improvement. These represent the next step in progression in the student's weakest assessment area. Students should look for opportunities to display the knowledge, skills and understanding in their forthcoming lessons. These statements will help you in supporting your child to improve.

# TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR PROGRESS

When a Progress Review is sent home, you may find some of the following questions useful when discussing it with your child:

- Which subject are you particularly pleased with? What is going well in this subject?
- Is there anything you do in these lessons that you could start to do in lessons that you don't find so easy?
- What are you going to work on next, to continue making good progress?
- How can you stretch yourself to make the most progress possible?
- What is holding you back from making more progress in this subject?
- Are there any surprises here?
- If so, what do you think might help to explain them?

## ATTITUDE TO LEARNING and HOMEWORK CRITERIA

#### **Attitude to Learning (ATL)**

- The student consistently works to the best of their ability, contributes and makes the full use of resources available to aid learning and problem solving.
- The student often works to the best of their ability and asks questions when necessary to support their learning. Some teacher guidance is needed.
- The student has varied motivation, needs frequent reminders to engage on task and has a limited ability to work independently.
- The student regularly requires teacher support to remain focused and lacks skills in problem solving and using initiative.
- N. In some cases, a student may be given an "N" for ATL. This could be for several reasons, for example, a student has not been seen in a lesson and therefore a teacher judgement may be difficult.

#### Attitude to Homework (AHW)

- 4. The student is consistently well-equipped for lessons, meets all deadlines and is fully up to date with coursework/tasks. Homework is always completed to a high standard and handed in on time.
- The student is usually well-equipped for lessons and meets the vast majority of deadlines. Homework is usually

- completed to a good standard and mostly handed in on time.
- 2. The student has a tendency to be unprepared for lessons at times and/or occasionally misses deadlines. Homework is sometimes not completed and the standard of work is below that of the student.
- 1. The student is consistently unprepared and ill-equipped for lessons and/or frequently misses deadlines. Homework is not completed on a regular basis.
- N. In some cases, a student may be given an "N" for AHW. This could be for several reasons, for example, a student has not been seen in a lesson and therefore may not have been able to complete homework.

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