

Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College



A Specialist Language College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Your child's flightpath and minimum expected grades are now ready to view on our online assessment portal 'GO 4 Schools.'

Both you and your child can access the report information by visiting www.go4schools.com and logging in. There is also a link to 'GO 4 Schools' on our website under the 'assessment and reports' section of the 'parents and carers' and the 'students' menu.

To help you with logging in and to navigate 'GO 4 Schools' for the first time, we have created a video tutorial which can be accessed on the website or by clicking the following link:

<https://youtu.be/JfrU4i4C8rM>

Flight Path Data

Each student has been allocated a flight path for each subject. These may well vary between subjects. The flight paths are closely linked with minimum expected grades (target grades) and are based on a variety of assessments together with the professional judgement of our teachers. Flight paths are to be used to highlight the knowledge, skills and understanding that is expected of a student on a particular flight path but should not limit what they can achieve. The flight path should be used to form the basis of discussions about what your son/daughter can do and what they need to work on to improve. Below is a reminder of the different flight paths and the level that work is pitched at for each flight path.

Blue	For students who should be aiming for grades 7-9 in their GCSEs
Pink	For students who should be aiming for grades 5-6 in their GCSEs
Yellow	For students who should be aiming for grades up to 4 in their GCSEs

In each subject, students will study **5 Areas of Focus** across the year; subject staff have developed 'expected outcomes' for each of the flight paths to help students and parents understand exactly what is expected of them in each Area of Focus in relation to their flight path. Throughout the year, for each Area of Focus, the teacher will give an assessment of your child's performance, compared to the expectation of their flight path.

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Minimum Expected Grades

Each student has also been given a minimum expected grade (target grade). This grade is to be used as an indicator of a student's potential but is not a limit. These minimum expected grades are based on a student's KS2 scores and the progress made by students of a similar ability in schools within a national system. Where we do not have KS2 data for a student, teachers have used their professional judgement to generate a realistic target for them. The aim is for students to achieve or exceed their minimum expected grade by the end of their GCSE course in the Summer of Year 11.

Mr Taylor has completed a Youtube clip that explains how to find out your son/daughter's flightpath and minimum expected grades information. The link is below:

<https://youtu.be/OOUs3zoFBSI>

The first Year 10 report will be published in Go 4 Schools on 10th January 2019.

More information on flight paths and the new 9-1 grading system at GCSE level are explained in the Assessment and Reports page which can be found at:

<http://www.tomlincoteschool.com/page/?title=assessment+%26amp%3B+Reports&pid=32>

Yours sincerely

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