

Interim Report Explanation of Terms and Procedures

Lessons Missed

A lesson is defined as 65 minutes long.

Effort Grades

Grades are given on a scale of 1 to 4. A student working to their full potential and demonstrating a hardworking and well motivated approach to their studies will be awarded a grade 4 (Excellent). A grade 1 demonstrates an unacceptable level of effort and the student is not reaching their full potential. A grade 3 is considered to be the minimum grade at which a student should be working (Good). The overall Effort Grade is calculated from the following three components:

Motivation: A grade 4 would indicate that the student has completed all of their work to the very best of their ability and they have shown a real interest in their studies, for example completing extension tasks. A grade 1 would be given when a student frequently rushes work, work is handed in incomplete or to an unacceptable standard.

Class Ethic: A grade 4 indicates that the student fully supports the class ethic and takes an active and supportive part in all class activities. Behaviour is exemplary and they are a valued member of the group. A grade 1 indicates that behaviour is unacceptable and/or the student is not contributing in a positive manner.

Deadlines: A grade 4 student is able to manage their time so that all deadlines are met. This should include all set homework and ongoing coursework. A grade 1 would indicate that work is frequently not handed in on time or not submitted.

The average effort grade is the mean of the above 3 grades.

Current Grade (CG)

This grade reflects the work a student has produced during the reporting period. For upper sixth BTEC students their performance in the lower sixth units will also be taken into account due to these units contributing to their final grade. For A level this is graded A* to U; for AS levels this is graded A to U with U being unclassified. For BTEC single qualifications this is Distinction* (DS*), Distinction (DS), Merit (ME), Pass (PA) or Fail (F). For BTEC Diplomas (double qualifications) this is Double Distinction* (D*D*), Double Distinction (DD), Distinction/Merit (DM), Merit/Merit (MM), etc.

For GCSE subjects 1-9 are used. BTEC level 3 grades for University entry are regarded as being equivalent to: Distinction = A grade at A/AS level, Merit = C grade at A/AS level, Pass = E grade at A/AS level. The BTEC L3 Certificate is equivalent to 1 AS level; the BTEC L3 Subsidiary Diploma is equivalent to 1 A level and the BTEC L3 Diploma is equivalent to 2 A levels.

National Calculated Grade (NCG)

For A Level, AS and BTEC students this is a nationally calculated grade based on students with a similar set of GCSE results.

Due to the phased reform of A Levels students may have an NCG that is out of line with their AS result. Please feel free to discuss this with the teacher if in doubt.