

Key Stage 4 Reporting FAQ

How do we generate predicted grade?

The **KS4 Predicted Grade** is based on a summative assessments taken place within each department. These can be in the form of larger **written assessments**, a collection of smaller assessments and sometimes practical observation (depending on the department). **Teacher judgement** is used to inform a predicted grade. Departments undertake standardisation processes to ensure parity of marking and moderation activities take place following planned pre-public examinations (mocks).

In general, we expect larger written assessments to be a stronger indication of mastery than their shorter counterparts as they

provide a broader spread of curriculum content that can be assessed.

Departments plan the timing and format of their assessments based on content covered since the start a given Key Stage and place a major of focus on the **knowledge, skills and understanding needed to access GCSE examinations**.

Generally, the **accuracy of a predicted grade increases with time** since the quantity of assessment data increases alongside the volume of content covered. We recognise that learning is non-linear in nature, and some concepts and skills develop faster than others. As content is taught, the level of challenge may fluctuate, adding an additional layer of consideration before arriving at a grade. For these reasons we avoid making predictions too earlier. To do so earlier would undermine the integrity of that assessment and grade.

What are KS2 Generated Predicted Grades?

The KS2 Generated Prediction is based on a student's prior performance.

We make use of a large national repository of student performance, tracked from KS2 to KS4. Fischer Family Trust use this information, alongside demographic information, the subject being studied, birth month etc, to look for statistically significant patterns in student profile performance and use this to provide a range of estimate likely performance for each student.

The likelihood of achieving a given grade is then used by us to generate the KS2 prediction.

This is thus a guide of likely performance and is **not reflected in their work** at school since Key Stage 2.

Why has my child's grade changed since the last report?

Since predicted grades a forecast of likely performance based on available data; grades can change as we gain a broader picture of your child's progress. As we approach their final examination, these forecasts become more accurate.

