



De La Salle School

Flightpath Information for Parents

Year 7

Pupils in Year 7 have been assigned a 'flightpath' which they will follow on the journey towards their GCSEs at the end of Year 11. This is to ensure that all pupils are challenged to make continuous progress, given their individual starting points.

What are the flightpaths?

Flightpath Name	Anticipated GCSE Grade	Previous GCSE Grade Equivalent
Pankhurst	8	A*
Shakespeare	7	A
Nightingale	6	B-A
Edison	5	C-B
Parks	4	C
Wilberforce	3	D-E
Mandela	2	E-F
Pasteur	1	F-U

How are the flightpaths assigned?

The SATs results from Year 6 are used to indicate the most appropriate flightpath for your child. However, we recognise that this information does not always give the full indication of your child's ability so pupils that regularly perform above expected progress on their flightpath may have it adjusted appropriately. Flightpaths will be reviewed again against the most recent national data when pupils begin their GCSEs in Year 9.

Is the flightpath the same for every subject?

To reflect the variation in how pupils perform in different subject areas nationally, your child will be assigned a flightpath for each of the following four areas:

Mathematics
English
EBacc - <i>science, history, geography, Spanish, computing</i>
Open - <i>art, dance, drama, RE, music, technology, PE*</i>

* Note that PE in Year 7 and 8 is entirely practical, therefore pupils' progress will be assessed against a baseline in Year 7. Any pupils who opt for PE GCSE in Year 9 will be assigned the 'open' flightpath.

If you have an older pupil in the school, you will note that this is a slightly different system to the previous one.

How will progress be reported?

- Working WELL ABOVE his/her flightpath (GOLD)
- Working ABOVE his/her flightpath (SILVER)
- Working ON his/her flightpath (BRONZE)
- Working BELOW his/her flightpath
- Working WELL BELOW his/her flightpath

Note that all pupils will be encouraged to GO FOR GOLD!

How will my child know which flightpath they are on?

Year 7 have had an assembly which explained the flightpaths. Their subject teachers also refer to flightpaths in lessons and during formative/summative assessments. The monitoring reports sent out during the year have this information on and we encourage you to discuss the information with your child. However, we choose not to share the anticipated GCSE grade with pupils until Year 9 because we are trying to keep the focus on what pupils should be aiming to do to continually improve rather than the final grade. We respectfully ask that you consider this prior to discussions with your child.