



**De La Salle School**  
**Flightpath Information for Parents**  
**Year 8 to Year 11**

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Assessment continues to be at the heart of teaching and learning at our school. It is essential that for all of our pupils, assessment is fair, honest, ambitious and appropriate.

Pupils currently in years 9 to 11 will have one end of year 11 target grade for all subjects that will stay with them through their time at De La Salle School. Pupils in year 8 will have one target grade for all subjects which will be reviewed at the end of year 8 ready for the start of their GCSE studies in year 9.

We will report to you and your child using simple, yet meaningful, language. This is shown below:

<b>How teachers are reporting?</b>	<b>How are we communicating this to pupils?</b>
<b>Well above</b> (expected progress)	Gold
<b>Above</b> (expected progress)	Silver
<b>At</b> (expected progress)	Bronze
<b>Below</b> (expected progress)	No award
<b>Well below</b> (expected progress)	No award

**No more levels**

From September 2016 National Curriculum Levels were abolished. Schools no longer report the 'level' of a child but rather how much progress they are making towards achieving well at GCSE.

**Why have National Curriculum levels been abolished?**

It is thought that reporting to parents in the form of a number such as does not fully explain to parents whether or not their child is likely to do well at GCSE.

**How is the school responding to the removal of National Curriculum Levels?**

It is important that as a school, and as parents, we all view your child's progress at school as a journey towards GCSE success. We will not, as we have in the past, report how well your child is progressing towards an end of year target. Instead, we will now report to you how well your child is progressing towards an end of year 11 target.

**Flightpaths**

Using your child's primary school test scores in English and mathematics we have calculated an average grade that your child should achieve across all of their subjects by the end of year 11. For ease of understanding we are calling this a 'flightpath'.

**Will pupils ever move 'up' on a flightpath?**

If a pupil regular makes above expected progress, then yes. Certainly, they will be reviewed at the end of year 8 before a child begins their GCSE study.

**Will they ever move 'down'?**

Only in exceptional circumstances, such as long term absence.

**How many flightpaths are there and what are they called?**

There are 8 flightpaths which lead to a target GCSE grade that is carefully matched to your child's ability and prior attainment combined with our knowledge of what they can do. These flightpaths are named after inspirational figures such as Pasteur, Mandela, Parks, Wilberforce, Nightingale, Edison, Shakespeare and Pankhurst.