

Go4Schools Data Explained - Parent/Carer Guide

These guidelines are designed to assist you when logging onto GO4 Schools for the first time. We need all families to be involved in every aspect of your child's education and GO4 Schools gives you full access to their academic data.

The first thing to do is scroll down to the chart entitled 'detailed progress'. This informs you about how your child is doing in every subject.

1. Column 1 shows every subject alphabetically.
2. The column entitled 'Year 7 baseline' shows the baseline level for your child in each of the subjects that they study. These levels are based on the Key Stage 2 levels that your child achieved in English, Mathematics and Science in Year 6 of Primary School.

To ensure that progress can be maintained and monitored regularly during your child's 5 years at Woodlands School we have a flight path system to establish minimum expectation and target grades for the end of every year (the targets are based upon National recommendations). These are shown in the next two columns.

3. The column entitled 'Term Target' is the target grade we expect your child to be working at by the end of that current term. This target grade will be updated each term and is calculated from your child's Key Stage 2 levels.
4. The column entitled 'Expected Progress Target' (for years 9, 10 & 11 only) is the target grade that the Government expects all students to achieve based on their Key Stage baseline in the 5 years whilst they are at secondary school.

For years 7 & 8, the Expected Progress Target can be found in the "Breakdown" column.

5. The column entitled 'End of Year Target' is the target grade that we expect your child to be working at by the end of the academic year. This target grade is calculated from your child's Key Stage 2 Levels. If your child meets these targets then they will achieve a minimum of the expected levels of progress at Woodlands School.



6. The column entitled 'Current Grade' is the level that your child is currently working at in each subject and this will be shaded in different colours depending on how it compares to the end of year target:
 - Lilac indicates current performance above the end of year target
 - Green indicates current performance equal to the term target
 - Yellow indicates current performance just below (1 sub -level) the term target
 - Red indicates current performance 2 or more sub-levels below the term target
(*Each grade is divided into 3 sublevels, eg 2+, 2=, 2- or A+, A=, A-).

7. The next column is entitled 'Predicted Grade'. For years 7 & 8, this is the level that your child is predicted to achieve by the end of the academic year. For years 9-11, this is the level that your child is predicted to achieve by the time they leave Woodlands. All predictions are set by your child's teachers.

8. Column 6 is entitled 'Actual Grade'. This column will be blank until any formal qualifications are completed e.g. GCSE grades.

9. The column entitled "Breakdown" shows a summary of assessments and grades that your child has studied, or will be studying in the academic year. Each assessment will be graded.
PLEASE NOTE: We are currently working hard to develop this area of Go 4 Schools and will communicate with you as soon as this is up and running. In the meantime, you will be able to see your child's assessed grade in this column.

Above the detailed progress chart are two horizontal bar charts.

The first chart shows the subject residuals (difference between the term target and the current grade) which is measured in sublevels (three to a level)

The second chart shows how much progress has been made by your child from the Year 7 baseline measure and it is calculated in sublevels (three to a level).

Your child's attendance is also shown on Go4Schools in the form of a percentage table, which identifies both 'unauthorised' and 'authorised' absences, as well as a pie-chart with a coloured key to show all the various categories of attendance/absence.

The Behaviour section registers both significant 'good' and 'poor' behaviours. These are itemised with a date and the reason for the event. These are also displayed as a weekly bar chart and line graph, again a coloured key is used to identify good and poor behaviour, and an overall rating.

The Progress and Reports section summarises your child's current grades. Whenever a report is published, or a data snapshot is taken, a column of grades will be displayed alongside the current grade. This allows you to see the progress your child has made over the course of the academic year. You can also access any reports that have been published for your child, which will be available for a calendar year.

Finally there is a table to state the Key Stage 2 levels achieved by your child in English and Mathematics at Primary School.

We hope this document is of use to you and you find the Go4Schools data about your child informative.

At Woodlands School we have always found that maximum achievements and success are a result of the school, parents / carers and students working together.

If there are any technical issues you wish to discuss regarding accessing Go4Schools please contact the school's Data Manager, Mr Niki Bird (Go4SchoolsEnquiries@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk). If there are any issues relating to your child's data, please direct these to your child's head of year.