

This document explains the categories in your child's report to give you a holistic view of their progress.

The Fischer Family Trust (FFT) take all the known information about a child such as KS2 results, date of birth, and any special educational needs, and compares this with other children who have the same profile, nationally. This data provides a national benchmark for the levels of estimated achievement for each individual child. We take this data and set Expected Goals.

In Year 10 students are set a FFT20 Expected Goal. This is the grade that would place students in the top 20% of similar students nationally. In terms 1 and 2 (Autumn and Spring), a student's FFT 20 Expected Goal is used to place them within an 'ASTRA Expected Band'. In term 3 (summer) students are given their FFT20 expected goal as national Curriculum (NC) grades. NC grades for GCSE subjects are 9-1, where 9 indicates the highest standard of attainment. Vocational subjects are graded by level and criteria – pass, merit, distinction. Fine grades use a – or + to denote how secure students are in that grade.



For example, 5- indicates a teacher has awarded a grade 5 but there is doubt whether the student could consistently replicate that standard of work, whereas a grade 5+ indicates the student is consistently achieving this standard. The end of year exams are marked to this grading criteria.

In terms 1 and 2, the expected band provides a target range to work towards. A student may sit across two bands, particularly as they reach the top of one. Subject leaders will review the bands at strategic points across the year to ensure students have sufficient challenge for their ability. A student's expected band may be raised where a student is consistently achieving standards of work above this standard. We will strive for students to aspire beyond their FFT 20 Expected Goal.



In Terms 1 and 2, teacher assessments and classwork are used as the basis for their judgements. In term 3, the end of year exam is used to report progress. Progress against expectations is reported using the following descriptors;

Terms 1 and 2 (Autumn and Spring)

Working Above	The student is currently producing work to a standard above their expected Astra band
Working At	The student is currently producing work to a standard within their expected Astra band
Working Towards	In order to reach their expected Astra band, the student needs to act on advice and guidance from their teachers to develop their understanding in key topics
Requires Intervention	The student needs to develop their knowledge and understanding in identified areas to reach their expected Astra band

Term 3 (Summer)

As students are only half-way through their Key Stage 4 courses and grades have been assessed using stand alone end of year exams, student grades are expected to increase between now and the end of Year 11. Therefore, their exam grade is very likely to be lower than the FFT20 expected grade at this part of the course.

Working Above	The student's exam grade or portfolio work is above their FFT20 expected grade
Working At	The student's exam grade or portfolio work within their expected FFT20 expected grade
Working Towards	The student exam grade or portfolio work is currently 1 grade below their FFT20 expected goal. In order to reach their goal, the student needs to act on advice and guidance from their teachers to develop their understanding in key topics
Requires Intervention	The student's exam grade or portfolio work is more than 1 grade below their FFT20 expected goal. The student needs to develop their knowledge and understanding in identified areas to reach their expected goal

We also report on students' Attitude to Learning. This is an assessment made by teachers, using the following criteria;

Star Learner	<p>As per the Motivated Learner but also</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads learning in the classroom Works independently both inside and outside of the classroom Curious and demonstrating a real interest in learning about new ideas and topics Seeks own solutions to problems and misunderstandings Completes homework to an exceptionally high standard, often researching beyond or completing the Ad Astra Challenge
Motivated Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active interest in learning and acquiring new skills and knowledge Learns from own setbacks and demonstrates resilience Reviews own progress and acts on feedback to improve work Seeks help when needed in order to improve their understanding Listens carefully to absorb new knowledge and instructions Completes homework to a good standard to support and consolidate learning, occasionally completing the Ad Astra challenge
Reluctant Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can avoid challenging tasks Requires supervision to attempt tasks Can be off task and distracted Work is often incomplete or not at the level of their 'ASTRA Expected Band' Does not attempt to act on feedback Does not complete homework to support learning

The full list of categories contained in each report are:

Interim reports 1 and 2 (Autumn and Spring term)

The information contained in the Autumn and Spring reports for Year 10 students is as follows:

Category	Descriptor					
Attendance	This is the percentage of sessions the student has been present or part of an approved educational activity					
Late	This is the number of times the student has been late to school in the academic year					
Progress towards Astra Expected band	<p>This is a comparison between the Astra band achieved in ongoing teacher assessments and the student's expected Astra band. Progress is denoted by a statement. The statement descriptors can be found in the document above.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #90EE90;">Working Above</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #E0F0E0;">Working At</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #FFFACD;">Working Towards</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #FFDAB9;">Requires Intervention</td></tr> </table>	Working Above	Working At	Working Towards	Requires Intervention	
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Astra Expected band	<p>There are 5 Astra bands, each indicating a range of standards in each subject. Each band covers a range of FFT20 expected grades that students are expected to achieve by the end of Key Stage 4. The expected bands, from most to least challenging, are;</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td style="background-color: #DDA0DD;">Accelerating</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #ADD8E6;">Soaring</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #FF00FF;">Tuning</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #00BFFF;">Rising</td></tr> <tr><td style="background-color: #4682B4;">Acquiring</td></tr> </table>	Accelerating	Soaring	Tuning	Rising	Acquiring
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Interim report 3 (Summer term)

The information contained in the Summer report for Year students is the same as Autumn and Spring except that progress is determined using End of Year exam grades, rather than ongoing assessment.

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Attendance	This is the percentage of sessions the student has been present or part of an approved educational activity	
Late	This is the number of times the student has been late to school in the academic year	
FFT20 expected goal	This is the grade that would place students in the top 20% of similar students nationally.	
Current grade	This is the end of year exam grade. If the grade is blank , this indicates that the student was absent for an exam. BTEC subjects did not set an end of year exam. In those subjects the Current Grade is the National Curriculum grade that the student is currently working at.	
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If you have a question or want to follow up something, contact the class teacher directly, via email using their first initial and surname followed by @carringtonschool.org. All staff names are on our website [here](#).