

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 9 Reports

In Year 9, English, Maths and Science are using the GCSE frameworks to assess your child's progress.

The students are slowly developing their use of language, exam technique, conceptual understanding, revision technique and, in Maths particularly, building on each individual skill slowly and deliberately. This is a very steady process where the gains are made, a little at a time.

Your child's current attainment grades therefore could be much lower than their target grades and their forecasts, but this is not something that should concern you. The target grades are aspirational; and something the students can strive towards; it is not an expectation that your child has to meet their target grade, especially in Year 9.

The teacher forecasts are tentative predictions for the end of Year 11. Teacher forecasts can change as the students go through more of the curriculum, but it is useful to compare their forecast grade against their target grade. If your child's forecast grade is significantly lower than their target, please talk it through with their teacher during parents evening.

As always, the most important section of the report is Endeavour, the learner and homework profiles. Learner and homework profiles of 5s are the 'gold' standard which means your child is working hard. [Learner-and-Homework-Profile-Guide.pdf](#)

Yours faithfully

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