

Year 8 December 2022 Subject Review Grades

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find attached a copy of your child's attitude to learning grades and current working at grades.

Attendance

Our attendance target is that every student achieves 97% attendance or above. Nationally, research shows that excellent attendance is their key to future success and instils good habits for future career pathways. Being in school is also beneficial to students' well-being and self-esteem and provides opportunities to develop friendships and social skills.

Core Value Points and Intervention Points

Alongside your child's AtoL grade, we are also sharing with you the number of Core Value Points and Intervention Points they have accrued during lessons.

Core Value Points include 'Positive Interactions' that students receive both inside and outside of lessons and are awarded for positive contributions to learning in lessons that deserve additional praise and also students who display our school's core values during lessons and in other areas of the wider school life.

Intervention Points indicate that your child has shown behaviour that has fallen below the expected standards in lessons or around the school. More serious behaviours carry a greater number of intervention points than low level disruption.

Attitude To Learning Grades (AToL)

Attitude to Learning grades are awarded by teachers to reflect the levels of engagement shown towards each of their subjects. The criteria aim to motivate all students; by further challenging all students and rewarding their efforts, while also highlighting those that require further support and guidance to achieve their full potential. We urge all parents to look carefully at the matrix (attached) and consider the criteria. We make no excuses for promoting aspiration, effort and positive work ethic for all students.

The descriptors are as follows:

Excelling - Fully engaged learners striving for excellence every lesson

Committed - Fully engaged learners performing well

Coasting - Passive learners that are coasting

Requires Improvement- Unsatisfactory attitude to learning

Students will be expected to achieve as many 'excelling' and 'committed' descriptors as is possible in all subjects. The Headteacher commends consistently outstanding attitude to learning across a range of subjects. Students' attitude to learning is one of the most important indicators of good progress and outcomes. A positive and committed attitude to learning is crucial for success in terms of results and instilling a work ethic that will improve students' employability in the future. Evidence shows that high levels of attitude to learning can increase the final grade a child receives by up to two grades.

We are committed to encouraging students to become active, independent, self-motivated learners and take responsibility for their own learning. With that in mind, students who require prompting/pushing to complete work and don't necessarily stretch themselves of their own accord will be awarded the 'Coasting' descriptor. Cases of poor or disappointing attitude to learning are fully investigated.

Attainment on Y7 Entry

Due to COVID, Year 7 students were unable to sit their Key Stage 2 SATs. Your child has been assessed on entry using CAT standardised assessments to establish the levels at which they were working at the start of their Hungerhill journey. These tests determined four scores:

- Reading age - this can be compared against the actual age of your child. During this term, your child has completed their standardised reading test and this score has been updated since the last report.
- CAT 4 Verbal - this assesses your child's ability to understand the meaning of words
- CAT 4 Quantitative - this assesses your child's arithmetic skills
- CAT 4 Non-Verbal - this assesses your child's ability to visualise and manipulate shapes (working memory)

The national average score for a CAT 4 test is 100.

Current Working Grade Against Age Related Expectations

Prior to every data capture, students will undertake a high stakes assessment in each of their subjects. This assessment may take the form of an in-class exam, a practical performance or project work. Teachers will assess students' work against age related expectations and the current working grade your child receives is determined by this assessment.

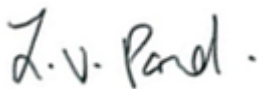
Students will be awarded one of three current working grades:

- Working above age related expectations
- Working at age related expectations
- Working below age related expectations

Please note that current working grades have not been included for PSHCE and Accelerated Reader as students have not been formally assessed in these subjects.

We hope that the information provided helps to keep you up to date with your child's progress.

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Headteacher



AtL Grade	AtL Descriptor
<p>Excelling (EX)</p>	<p>Students who always demonstrate that they are fully engaged in the lesson, actively showing passion for their learning and an eagerness to achieve their full potential. Their work is always to their best standard. They are self-motivated and exceed routine expectations in their pursuit of learning. They show characteristics of bravery and resilience and are prepared to work outside their comfort zone to develop themselves. Leadership skills may be evident, and they demonstrate maturity when communicating with others. Students are reflective, engaging with written and oral feedback to improve their work, and are also willing to provide constructive feedback to their peers.</p>
<p>Committed (CM)</p>	<p>Students who demonstrate that they are fully engaged in the lesson and show that they are willing to learn. Students are actively listening and participating in lessons, their work is to their best standard. Students work well with their peers to solve problems before relying on their teacher, often viewing their own mistakes as an extended learning opportunity. Their determination ensures that they are solution focused and, where appropriate, support their peers. Students are able to reflect on their learning and identify opportunities for improvement.</p>
<p>Coasting (CS)</p>	<p>Students who arrive at lessons on time and equipped for learning. They usually complete the work set but their level of achievement is below what they would be capable of and have not yet developed the determination to step outside of their comfort zone. There are times when they require more drive to succeed and may need motivation from external sources. Students are sometimes reluctant to participate in group activities or respond to teacher questioning and demonstrating lower resilience. Their appetite for learning is not always evident.</p>
<p>Requires Improvement (RI)</p>	<p>Students who are demonstrating an unacceptable approach to lessons and show characteristics that will lead to them underachieving with their learning. Students regularly fail to engage in their learning and seldomly respond to teacher questions and/or challenge. As a result of this approach, quality of work is not of the level required and the student is not showing the necessary character to fulfil their potential. They can produce work of a satisfactory level but do not drive themselves towards excellence; their work is regularly of a level below what they should expect of themselves.</p>