



Year 8 Reports Explained

In English, Maths, Science, Geography, History and Languages students will sit Mid-year and End-of year Common assessments. These assessments will be done in normal lessons and all the year group will complete them at the same time.

Student's results will be shared on their reports as well as the average score for the year group and the highest score in the year group.

For subjects that do not have common assessments, students' attainment will be reported as being **Excelling, In-line** or **Working Towards** when compared to the attainment of their cohort.

Subject	How attainment level is decided
Art	Student's attainment will be decided by how well they have participated with tasks, contributed to class discussions and their efforts with drawing assessments and general classwork.
Beliefs, Values & Traditions	Student attainment will be decided primarily on the 'Our World' unit written assessment, with homework scores to support this decision.
Design & Technology	Student's attainment will be decided by end of topic assessments and their classwork including practical work.
Drama	Student's attainment will be decided by how well they have participated in group work, how far they have contributed to class discussion and their confidence in performing
Computer Science	Assessment judgements in Computer Science are reached by comparing the average results of lesson-to-lesson assessments and end of topic tests against 9-1 grading criteria (to get students used to gradings at GCSE level). Typically, a student who is averaging at Grade 3 and below is 'Working Towards', whereas a student who is averaging between Grades 4 to 6 is 'In Line'. Students achieving grades 7-9 are considered to be 'Excelling'.
Music	Students' attainment is based on three musical disciplines: Composition Performance Theory/Listening and Appraising.