



Curriculum

How are Pupils Assessed at Castleford Academy?

Every pupil in school is assessed each lesson by teachers to make sure that they are making the right amount of progress for that lesson. In addition to lesson by lesson assessment, each pupil is tested in each subject on approximately a half termly basis. This testing usually takes place at the end of a topic/unit of work and the result of the tests are recorded by pupils and staff. This regular testing allows pupils to learn and remember key pieces of information and is important in preparing pupils for their GCSEs. It also allows pupils to track their progress and find out what they need to do to improve.

Although we do not share every test with parents/carers, we ask staff to summarise pupil progress and report this to parents on three occasions throughout the year. Each report will give information about a pupils' target grade/step, attitude to learning and behaviour. Teachers will also write a comment and target for each pupil. Most reports (depending upon the time of year) will let parents know the grade/step that a pupil is likely to achieve based on their current progress in lessons.

The reports are our main way of communicating with parents about the progress that their son/daughter is making. When reports are issued it is also an opportunity for parents to talk with their son/daughter about the progress he/she is making in lessons. If the report raises issues, parents should contact either the subject leader (if it is in a specific subject) or the year leader (if there are concerns in a number of subject areas).

Timetable for issuing reports:

Year	Report 1	Report 2	Report 3	Parents' Evenings 2019
7	October 2019	February 2020	June 2020	13th February 2019 and 24th October 2019 (Form Tutor)
8	December 2019	March 2020	July 2020	12th March 2020
9	December 2019	May 2020	July 2020	7th May 2020
10	November 2019	March 2020	July 2020	23rd March 2020
11	November 2019	January 2020	April 2020	21st November 2019 and 26th April 2020
12	November 2019	March 2020	July 2020	28th November 2019
13	November 2019	April 2020		28th November 2019