



Ark Charter Academy

Dear parents/carers,

RE: Reporting academic information to parents of year 11 students

The aim of this document is to highlight the Ark Charter Academy assessment and data reporting cycle including key dates across the course of the academic year. You can find a key terminology table at the bottom of this document which defines the key terms used within the report cycle information.

Where reports are mentioned being sent home below, we are currently looking at emailing these reports – Please ensure that we have the most up to date parental email on your child’s records. If this requires updating, please inform Alison Norton (Operations manager) a.norton@charteracademy.org.uk

We also want to make you aware that given current climate, although we can confirm a parents evening will take place (please see below for dates), the format may differ from previous years. We will communicate how these evenings will run in due course.

Autumn term

- Students will receive an ATL grade during Autumn 1 and Autumn 2
- Students will sit baseline assessments in Autumn 1 (NGRT & GL assessments)
- Students will complete a suite of paper 1 examinations, which would replace the examinations students would have sat at the end of year 10. These examinations will take place WB November 9th.
- Students will receive as part of the report described below an age related.
- Teachers will update predictions in light of the November mocks.
- We are currently waiting for conformation as to when results from the November mocks will be released – We are looking into emailing these reports home.
- Students and parents will be invited to attend a parents on 16th December (Details for the scheduling of these meetings will be shared shortly).

Spring term

- Students will receive an ATL grade during Spring 1 and Spring 2
- Students and parents will be invited to a parents support evening on 3rd February which will explain how students can be supported with the approach to exams from home.
- Students will complete a full suite of examinations WB 22nd February in all subjects.



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- In Spring 2 parents will receive a report whether their child is on, above or below target. These will be distributed in April.
- Students will receive an updated predicted grade, an age related and current if examined grade as part of the report described above.
- Students and parents will be invited to attend a parents evening on 31st March (Details for the scheduling of the time slots will be shared nearer the time).

Key terminology used in this document:

Key term	Description
ATL (Attitude to learning grade)	<p>Students will receive an ATL grade half termly of 1-4. Teachers will enter a grade for each subject where:</p> <p>4= Exceptional attitude to learning 3= Good attitude to learning 2= Inconsistent attitude to learning 1= Unacceptable attitude to learning</p> <p>Teachers will consider a range of information when deciding a student's ATL including, behaviour, academic performance, meeting deadlines, homework quality etc.</p>
AR (Age Related grades)	<p>Where students sit shared assessments (all schools in the Ark network sit the same examination), Ark are able to compare student data across the network so that we can understand how our students are performing, not just in relation to their peers in school but nationally. The age-related grade generates tells us how a student is performing for their age group so for example, if a student achieved a grade 9 in summer 2, this means that they are performing as well as could be expected for their age group.</p>



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CIE (Current If Examined grade)	This refers to the grade the student would receive if the grade boundaries were applied to the examinations they have completed.
End of year (EoY) report	EoY reports will indicate your child's age-related grade in y7-9. Year 10 will receive an age-related grade and current if examined grade.
ARD (Academic Review Day)	<p>The purpose of an Academic Review Day is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce our expectations, ethos and aspirations for the student. • Explain how this year will be different to regular academic years. • To mutually agree goals for this academic year. • To let parents, know what the student needs to do in preparation for the next exams and how they can support at home. • To discuss any issues around homework, attendance or equipment that are limiting student progress. • Set actions to secure improvement.
Diagnostic testing	A form of pre-assessment that allows a teacher to determine students' individual strengths, weaknesses knowledge, and skills prior to instruction. It is primarily used to diagnose student difficulties and to guide lesson and curriculum planning.
NGRT	A reading assessment which enables us to assess the range of reading skills for each student and identify gaps in



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	understanding of vocabulary. The NGRT assessment will support us with planning and assessment of intervention strategies.
GL	GL assessments provide teachers with areas in which students have subject knowledge gaps enabling intervention strategies to be formed helping students to close these gaps.
Baseline assessments	Baseline assessments help us to check students' starting points, establish gaps in knowledge and target intervention.

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