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Frequently asked questions (all year groups)

How do I access Go4Schools when I have forgotten my password?

Go to www.go4school.com. Parents Login, press Forgotten Password? And enter the email address you have registered with the school.

How are the reports used in school?

Your child's teachers, form tutor and head of year will use the reports to monitor and support your child's progress and learning over time. Their form tutor will also discuss the report with your child and set appropriate targets over the next few weeks.

What is a learner profile?

This tells you how hard your child is working in each lesson. 6 is the best and 1 is the lowest profile. Please note that the profile is a best fit and not all statements in the profile will describe your child exactly. For example, a student with a learner profile score of 2 or 3 may not have any behaviour concerns.

What is the average learner profile of a Gilberdian?

4.9

What is a homework profile?

This tells you how much effort your child is putting in to their homework. 6 is the best and 1 is the lowest profile. Please note that the profile is a best fit and not all statements in the profile will describe your child exactly.

What does a 5 mean for homework profile?

The descriptions for each profile can be found here on The Gilberd School website.

Why has my child not received all 6s for their report?

It is impossible for a child to get 6s in every subject. The amount of extra work required to get a 6 means it is only possible in a few subjects. But you should be very pleased with a profile of a 5. 60% of students with profiles of 5s for their homework profile reach the very aspirational target grades we set at The Gilberd for their GCSEs.

What is the average homework profile of a Gilberdian?

4.7

Why are average profiles reported?

The Gilberd School is an outstanding school and Gilberdians over time have performed very well in their GCSEs. One of the reasons Gilberdians do so well is due to the very high expectations we have of them. If your child's homework or learner profile is lower than the year group average it is unlikely they are going to perform as well as they potentially could in their GCSEs. We think it is important that you are aware of this.

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Frequently asked questions (years 7 and 8).

What is a flightpath?

When we receive the SATs results from the primary schools we look at how well students nationally do at GCSE with those SATs results. We then give each student an aspirational target flightpath for each subject. It is aspirational because your child is at the Gilberd School. If Gilberdians work hard they are very likely to reach that aspirational target.

What is the actual flightpath?

As your child works through the year at the Gilberd School each teacher will assess the work produced. Each teacher will decide which flightpath your child is working at currently in that subject. How they are assessed will be different in each subject.

What do each of the flightpaths, eg Mastering mean?

KS3 Assessment - Student Flightpath

Skills and / or grade based assessment

			9	
		Mastering +	9-8	
[Mastering +	Mastering +	7-6	
115 + above	Mastering +	Securing	5-4	
110 - 114	Securing	Developing	3-2 1	
106 - 109	Developing	Obtaining		
98 - 105	Obtaining	Accessing		
83 - 97	Accessing			
82 + below				
		1		
KS2 average English and Maths Score	Year 7	Year 8	GCSE	

Should I be worried if my child's actual flightpath is lower than their target flightpath?

No, the target flightpath is aspirational after all and no child improves in all subjects all the time. The learner and homework profile are much more important. If your child is getting 5s for their learner and homework profile they are doing all the right things to make progress. If your child is getting 4s or below for learner or homework profile it may be their attitude to learning or homework that is holding them back.

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Frequently asked questions (years 9, 10 and 11).

What is the target grade?

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What is the current attainment grade?

The current attainment grade is the grade that the teacher feels your child is currently working at.

How is the current attainment grade decided?

It is based on all of the work your child has done so far.

What is the teacher forecast grade?

It is the grade that the teacher currently feels your child could achieve at the end of the course. Teacher forecast grades are also used to inform post-16 references.

How is the forecast grade decided?

It is based on all of the work done so far and the teacher's experience of how students generally progress from this point in the course. Please note that assessment data becomes more accurate the nearer we get to the end of the course, so a forecast grade given may go up or down over time and should not be used as a definitive prediction for the final GSCE examinations.

My child is studying BTEC or a Cambridge Nationals Certificate. How does a Level 2 Pass compare to GCSE grades?

	Level 2 Distinction*	Level 2 Distinction	Level 2 Merit	Level 2 Pass	Level 1 Distinction	Level 1 Merit	Level 1 Pass
-	8.5	7	5.5	4	3	2	1.25

Why is combined science given two grades?

Combined science is worth two GCSEs with the assessments for biology, chemistry and physics added together to give a double grade.

How do the number grades compare to the previous letter grades?

A**	A*	А	В	High C	Low C	D	Е	F
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

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