

# Changes at The Barlow in 2016

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# Life after Levels

1. The DFE have said that from 2017 schools must not report in levels i.e. 4a/4b/4c/5c etc...
2. Current Yr 10 students will achieve 9-1 GCSE grades (except DT) not A\*-G grades (English and Maths started using these grades last year, so Yr 11 will also get a 9-1 grade)

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### 3. Bench marks for schools have changed

5 A\*-C  En/Ma

- Basic En/Ma results
- Progress 8
- E.Bacc
- Attainment 8

# What does this mean for our pupils?

At The Barlow we will be using 9-1 grades for tracking and reporting from Yr 7-10. We have adopted this approach from Yr 7 so pupils and parents can understand tracking and grading before they reach Yr 11.

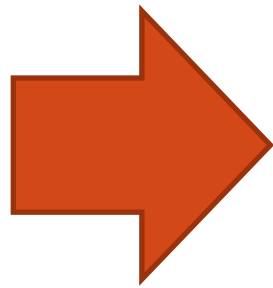
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**How do the old  
levels correlate  
with the new  
grading system?**

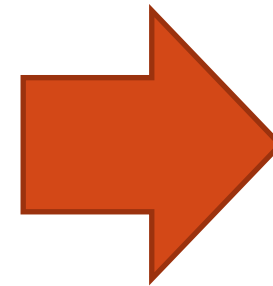
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- Old C grade at GCSE is somewhere between a 4 and a 5 on the new grading system.

**Pupil achieving  
a 4B on their  
SATS**



**Old system  
In Yr 11 they  
should  
achieve a  
grade C at  
GCSE**



**New system  
In Yr 11 they  
should  
achieve a  
grade 5**

**This shows the degree of difficulty and Challenge in GCSE's  
has increased for all students**

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New Grades	Old Grading System
9	A**
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	C

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# Barlow Flight Path



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KS2 result	100 score	End of Year 7 Target	End of Year 8 Target	End of Year 9 Target	End of Year 10 Target	End of Year 11 Target (Good)	End of Year 11 Target (Exp)
6	116	5+	6+	7+	8+	9+	8+
5a	113	4+	5+	6+	7+	8+	7+
5b	110	4	5-	6-	7-	8-	7-
5c	107	4-	4+	5	6-	7-	6-
4a	104	3+	4	5-	5+	6+	6+
4b	100	3	4-	4+	5	6	5
4c	96	3-	3+	4	5-	6-	5-
3a	92	2+	3	4-	4+	5+	4+
3b	89	2	3-	3+	4	5	4
3c	86	2-	2+	3	4-	5-	4-
2	83	1	2-	2+	3	4	3
B	80		1-	1+	2	3	2

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# Barlow KS3 Graduation



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# Why have we introduced a Key Stage 3 Graduation?

The national picture show that pupils progress generally slows down in Year 8, so to avoid this we have introduced the Graduation to try and motivate the pupils to maintain their high levels of progress in Yr 8

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# What does this mean?

**At the end of Yr 8 all pupils will be expected to achieve 3 levels of progress in their core subjects and 5 other subjects.**

**Core subjects – English, Maths, Science and RE**

**Other subjects – PE, MFL, Computing, Art, Drama, Music, Geography, History, DT**

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**So:**

If your child makes at least 3 LOP in the required number of subjects at the end of Yr 8 they will be rewarded by having a day off timetable to undertake fun activities

**However:**

If your child does not achieve 3 LOP in the required number of subjects, they will have intensive intervention in order to ensure they are ready to start their GCSE courses.

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# What can you do to help your child to meet their target grades?

- Encourage them to work hard and behave in every lesson
- Ensure they complete all homework to the best of their ability and hand it in on time
- Encourage them to ask for help when they don't understand
- Make sure they are meeting their target grades at each tracking point and if they are not, encourage them to ask their teacher what they need to do to achieve them.
- Encourage them to start revising early for their end of year exams
- Ensure their attendance is excellent
- Encourage them to embrace any opportunities to do extra sessions e.g. lunchtimes

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