

Things to remember about assessment without levels (AwL)

1. The change from levels to AwL is a national alteration in how students are assessed. The change had to occur in all schools with effect from September 2016. The actual method of assessment to be used has been left to schools to organise as best befits their students.
2. We invited OFSTED to come to talk to us about our plans. Their view was that this is a very perceptive system that will allow students to be strategically assisted to make progress.
3. The PCSA system is designed to ensure that students always know what they need to work on to improve and staff have the detail available to pinpoint who needs to be assisted on what.
4. There are four key areas to improvement; knowledge and understanding, skills, subject based literacy and numeracy.
5. We will still be able to use data from the system to track how well students are doing towards their GCSEs.
6. As we will be able to track students' development we will remain able to ensure that the challenge for them is appropriate.
7. You will receive updates three times a year that show you how your children are doing compared to their targets and to national average expectations.
8. You will still receive a full written report from your child's tutor once a year.

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