

# Key Stage 3 Tracking & Flightpaths

# Current Attainment Grades

- Pupils are awarded an attainment grade for each subject using the new Birkdale Levels, which are based on the new GCSE grades 9 – 1 & F
- Within each level pupils will be given a subgrade, -, =, +,
- The example below illustrates what the grades mean

1+	Has a comprehensive understanding of most of the concepts and skills required at grade 1
1=	Has a secure understanding of the main concepts and skills required at grade 1
1-	Has developed an understanding of some of the main concepts and skills required at grade 1

# Flightpaths

- Each student has been assigned a flightpath, based on their Key Stage 2 data for maths and English and baseline assessments completed at Birkdale
- For most students this flightpath is the same in all subjects, as it is based on their KS2 average
- Some pupils may have different flightpaths for maths and English, if they achieved different KS2 results in these subjects
- The flightpath maps the pupils progress towards their projected GCSE grade
- Pupils without KS2 data, will be assigned a flightpath following baseline assessments in maths and English

# Flightpaths

There are 5 flightpaths

Projected GCSE grades  
Silver Flightpath is 4 - 6

Flightpath	Projected GCSE Grade
Platinum	7 - 9
Gold	5 - 7
Silver	4 - 6
Bronze	3 - 5
Foundation	1 - 4

These flightpaths identify where a pupil should be working, at each tracking point

There is a flightpath for each subject

The aim is for pupils to achieve attainment grades within their flightpath or higher (e.g. for the silver flightpath, grades in the pink band or above)

		English Flightpath								
		Year 7 Term 1	Year 7 Term 2	Year 7 Term 3	Year 8 Term 1	Year 8 Term 2	Year 8 Term 3	Year 9 Term 1	Year 9 Term 2	Year 9 Term 3
Platinum Flightpath	Secure	3-	3=	3+	3+	4-	4=	4=	4+	5-
	Emerging	2=	2+	3-	3-	3=	3+	4-	4=	4+
Gold Flightpath	Secure	2=	2+	3-	3-	3=	3+	4-	4=	4+
	Emerging	1+	2-	2=	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+	4-
Silver Flightpath	Secure	1+	2-	2=	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+	4-
	Emerging	1=	1+	2-	2-	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+
Bronze Flightpath	Secure	1-	1=	1+	1+	2-	2=	2+	3-	3=
	Emerging	1-	1-	1=	1=	1+	2-	2=	2+	3-
Foundation Flightpath	Secure	F+	F+	1-	1=	1+	1+	2-	2-	2=
	Emerging	F-	F-	F=	F=	F+	F+	1-	1-	1=

		English Flightpath								
		Y7	Y7	Y7	Y8	Y8	Y8	Y9	Y9	Y9
		T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Platinum Flightpath	Secure	3-	3=	3+	3+	4-	4=	4=	4+	5-
	Emerging	2=	2+	3-	3-	3=	3+	4-	4=	4+
Gold Flightpath	Secure	2=	2+	3-	3-	3=	3+	4-	4=	4+
	Emerging	1+	2-	2=	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+	4-
Silver Flightpath	Secure	1+	2-	2=	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+	4-
	Emerging	1=	1+	2-	2-	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+
Bronze Flightpath	Secure	1-	1=	1+	1+	2-	2=	2+	3-	3=
	Emerging	1-	1-	1=	1=	1+	2-	2=	2+	3-
Foundation Flightpath	Secure	F+	F+	1-	1-	1=	1=	1+	1+	2-
	Emerging	F-	F-	F=	F=	F+	F+	1-	1-	1=

		Languages Flightpath								
		Y7	Y7	Y7	Y8	Y8	Y8	Y9	Y9	Y9
		T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3
Platinum Flightpath	Secure	F-	1=	2+	2+	3-	3=	3+	4-	4=
	Emerging	F-	1=	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+	3+	4-
Gold Flightpath	Secure	F-	1=	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+	3+	4-
	Emerging	F-	1-	2-	2-	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+
Silver Flightpath	Secure	F-	F+	1+	1+	2-	2=	2+	3-	3=
	Emerging	F-	F+	1=	1=	1+	2-	2=	2+	3-
Bronze Flightpath	Secure	F-	F=	1-	1-	1=	1+	2-	2=	2+
	Emerging	F-	F=	F+	1-	1=	1+	2-	2=	2=
Foundation Flightpath	Secure	F-	F=	F+	1-	1=	1+	2-	2=	2=
	Emerging	F-	F-	F=	F=	F+	F+	1-	1-	1=

Individualised Flightpath reflects the different expected prior knowledge in each subject from KS2

English Flightpath

Y7	Y7	Y7	Y8	Y8	Y8	Y9	Y9	Y9
T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3

Platinum Flightpath	Secure	3-	3-	3+	3+	+6	4-	4-	5-
	Emerging	2=	2+	3-	3-	3=	3+	4-	4=

Gold Flightpath	Secure	2=	2+	3-	3-	3=	3+	4-	4=	4+
	Emerging									

Silver Flightpath	Secure									
	Emerging									

Bronze Flightpath	Secure									
	Emerging									

Foundation Flightpath	Secure	F+	F+	1-	1-	+5	1+	2-	2-	2=
	Emerging	F-	F-	F=	F=	F+	F+	1-	1-	1=

Individualised Flightpath reflects the different rates of progress in each subject throughout KS3 and variations within each subject for the different KS2 prior attainment

Languages Flightpath

Y7	Y7	Y7	Y8	Y8	Y8	Y9	Y9	Y9
T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3	T1	T2	T3

Platinum Flightpath	Secure	F-	1-	2-	2-	+13	3+	4-	4=
	Emerging	F-	1=	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+	3+

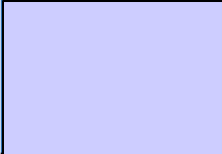

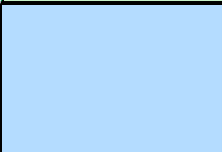
Gold Flightpath	Secure	F-	1=	2=	2+	3-	3=	3+	3+	4-
	Emerging									

Silver Flightpath	Secure									
	Emerging									

Bronze Flightpath	Secure									
	Emerging									

Foundation Flightpath	Secure	F-	F-	F-	1-	+7	1+	2-	2-	2=
	Emerging	F-	F-	F=	F=	F+	F+	1-	1-	1=

- At each tracking point the grade a pupil has been awarded is compared to their flightpath in each subject
- The attainment grade is colour coded to show where the pupil is working compared to their flightpath (full reports show a written statement)

	Your son is currently exceeding the expectations of his flightpath
	Your son is currently meeting the expectations of his flightpath
	Your son is currently working towards the expectations of his flightpath



# Other Indicators

Pupils are also awarded grades in the following areas

- Attitude to learning
- Behaviour for learning
- Homework
- Presentation