



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

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Dear Parents/Carers

By Wednesday 20 November 2019, you will receive information about the progress your son/daughter is making so far this year. You will notice that in each subject area, pupils will be tracked against a 'Progress Pathway' and will be assessed as working:-

**'Above' (A) 'Secure' (S) 'Embedding' (E) or 'Below' (B)**

**Progress Pathways** will now be used by the school community to be able to recognise progress as can be seen in the following diagram.

We have five pathways to reflect the different Key Stage 2 scores that pupils achieved in Year 6 at primary school. Based on this data, we will enter each pupil onto the appropriate pathway that will then give them, you and teachers the expectations we have at GCSE as they progress through the school.

We will now have three review points in each year (November, February, and May) where pupils will be shown how they are progressing within the appropriate pathway.

PROGRESS PATHWAY Based on FFT/KS2	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	GCSE Target
1	Pathway 2 Above	Pathway 2 Secure	Pathway 2 Embedding	Pathway 2 Below		9
						8
						7
						6
						5
2						4
						3
						2
						1
3						Entry Level
4						
5						

- If a pupil is assessed as **'Secure'**, they will be working confidently in the pathway in that subject and will be fulfilling all the assessment criteria.
- If a pupil is assessed as **'Embedding'**, they are still on course within the pathway, but there are elements of their work that needs to be improved.
- If a pupil is assessed as **'Above'**, they are working at a level above the pathway that the Key Stage 2 score would indicate. Please note, if a pupil is working 'Above' in any subject they will be moved up to the higher pathway.
- If a pupil is assessed as **'Below'**, they are working below expectation for that pathway and will be moved down to the lower pathway.



### **'Attitudes to Learning' (AtL)**

Your son or daughter child will also have a level 1-4 for each subject indicating their 'Attitude to Learning' (AtL), which has replaced the previous Behaviour for Learning (BfL) score, which was 1-6. You will find the AtL strands and the criteria for levels 1-4 in the attached AtL sheet. You will note that the focus is now very much about the type of learning habits the pupil displays in class and the attitudes to learning we are encouraging as indicated in the grade 1 and grade 2 descriptors.

Please use the information set out above to help understand your son or daughter's Term 1 Review which will be issued on by Wednesday 20 November. If you are happy with the explanation given in this letter about the changes we have made you do not need to do anything further. However, after you receive your child's data, if you would like to discuss any questions that you may have regarding these changes, there will be the opportunity for you to make an appointment to come into school on Thursday 28 November (between 3.15 and 5.00pm) to discuss this with a senior leader.

Yours faithfully

*S Doyle*

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**SENIOR ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER**