



Emerson Park Academy  
A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

# Transitional Assessment System 2015 – 17

## Changes to Assessment

Why?

- We are having to change what we do;
- National Curriculum Levels are going;
- GCSE grades are changing to numbers;
- It gives the opportunity to have one system;

## Issues:

- Our targets have always been set from KS2 test results but these are no longer going to be reported as National Curriculum levels.
- Instead, next September, KS2 students will receive a score for Reading and Maths test results. Results will be a number between 80 and 120. Students who achieve less than 100 will be judged to be below expected progress.
- Existing students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will still be affected by the changes, as their subject targets will be set in a different way.
- All students will be aiming for a positive “Attainment 8” score (see Attainment 8 explanation);
- Unlike, in the past, when students were judged over their attainment in 5 GCSE’s, they will now be judged over the amount of progress in 8 subjects.
- GCSE grades are changing from letters to numbers;
- There will be more grades – previously there were 8 letters, A\*-G. Now there will be grades 1-9, where 9 is highest;
- These will be introduced slowly over 3 years;
- English and Maths are first in 2017 with most other subjects in 2018 and the last in 2019.
- With these changes in mind we have decided to move to one system across years 7 – 11;
- Students will still have end of year targets;
- All end of year targets will be linked directly to their GCSE target for Year 11;
- “Trackergrades” will measure their progress towards their GCSE targets;