

# Key Stage 3 Grading System

In Key Stage 3 at De Lisle, students' attainment will be determined by a standardised scoring system. Each assessment will provide a 'raw score', that is their score out of a given total on the assessment. A statistical process is used to convert the raw score into a standardised score for each student. Standardised scores range from 1-100, and indicate the position of each student with the year group.

Students will no longer be graded on a 9-1 scale. Now the standardised score will be used to assign a quintile grade to each student with the highest grade now being a 5 which indicates they are in the top 20% of the year group. The full details are explained in this table:

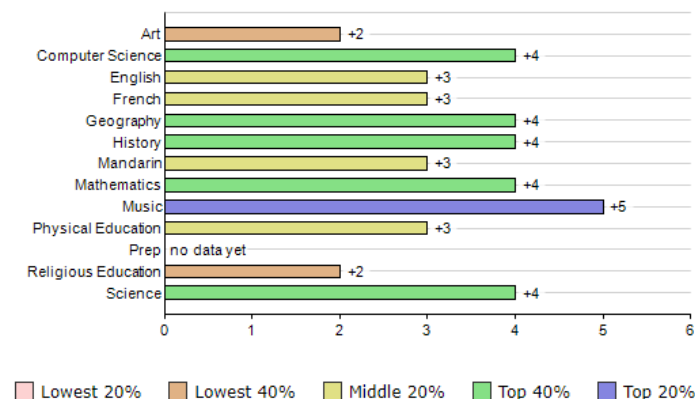
Grade	Standardised Score	Rank Position in Year at De Lisle
5	80 – 100	In the top 20% of students
4	60 – 80	In the top 40% of students
3	40 – 60	In the middle 20% of students
2	20 – 40	In the lowest 40% of students
1	1 – 20	In the lowest 20% of students

The advantages of using the standardised scoring system are:

- It provides a clear picture of how your child is performing in each subject compared to their peers.
- It allows your child to track their progress in each subject across the year and through Key Stage 3 more closely.
- It allows for comparisons of your child's performance to be made between subjects.

At each of the two assessment points your child will be provided with their grade and standardised score in each subject. On Go4schools, your child's page will now show you an attainment chart. This will easily allow you to see how they have performed across their different subjects based on their 5-1 grades.

Each student has been assigned a Prior Attainment Grade. This grade provides an indicator as to where your child was positioned in the year group at the end of Key Stage 2. It is based on a combined score of their maths and English.



## Formative 'Low Stakes' Assessments

Across the year, students will also complete frequent low stakes assessments in lessons. These are designed to test students understanding of specific topics so that deficits in knowledge can be addressed. Some of these assessments are recorded on go4schools so students can see their strengths and weaknesses. These assessments are not graded, as their purpose is diagnostic. Instead, they will be recorded as a percentage score, or using a red, amber, green (R/A/G) system to keep the focus on the specific areas to develop.