

TEACHING & LEARNING, ASSESSMENT & REPORTING POLICY

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AIM

To promote consistently high standards of teaching and learning, underpinned by the latest research into educational practice, to create independent, lifelong learners who take ownership of their learning and enjoy it. We aim to develop a supportive, stimulating, and inclusive environment for learning, designed to maximise student achievement and attainment. Integral to this is the provision of a stimulating, individualised programme of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for teachers, so that they continue to develop their subject knowledge and pedagogy, which will then be translated into a creative and engaging learning environment for their students.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all academic staff, as well as students and parents, clearly understand how to ensure the provision of a high quality, enriched learning experience at the school.

PURPOSE

The policy is designed to:

- Ensure students develop independent thinking and learning skills to maximise their potential during their studies in the school, and for their future lives.
- Improve Curriculum planning to ensure quality teaching and learning.
- Promote a whole-school approach to teaching and learning, underpinned by our key priorities and development goals.
- Ensure that students receive a range of teaching and learning experiences.
- Maximise student attainment and achievement via high quality teaching, which includes the provision of regular, formative, and summative student feedback.

To ensure that this policy becomes the standard for creating a quality teaching and learning experience for all students at the school, it is important that the following occurs:

All academic staff will:

- Be made fully aware of the content of this policy.
- Implement the policy while planning their lessons and providing student feedback.
- Recognise that quality teaching and learning is not an accident but rather the result of careful planning and reflection.
- Be aware of all the professional development opportunities on offer at Worthgate, but also encouraged to identify individual, bespoke CPD where appropriate.

To be successful, we need:

- Creative teaching and learning strategies which increase subject understanding and develop academic, English language and subject literacy skills.
- Teachers who promote motivation and self-confidence, with high expectations of all learners.
- Student ownership of learning and celebration of student voice.



• An effective partnership between the school, the student, and the student's home, which recognises and promotes the value of responsible learning.

PRACTICE

Planning

Curriculum Directors (CDs), House Pastoral Directors (HPDs) and individual teaching staff will be responsible for planning the curriculum in consultation with this policy, overseen by the Assistant Principal Academic (APA).

Curriculum Directors are to ensure staff follow policy consistently and should endeavour to establish links with other curriculum areas to help co-ordinate the Curriculum and promote transferable skills.

Good teaching and learning occur when:

- Teachers are organised and incorporate clear learning intentions into their planning and delivery and have explicit means to evaluate the outcomes of those intentions.
- Planning takes into consideration the needs of every student, and teachers recognise that all students progress at different rates.
- The teacher uses available data to assess prior attainment and, with the student, establishes clear targets for students to follow. Deeper data scrutiny occurs in departments during each assessment cycle in order to plan interventions, activities to support all students making equitable progress.
- Homework / Flipped learning / AfL (Assessment for Learning) preparation are incorporated into planning, delivery, and assessment of all learning activities.
- Student feedback is regular and formative.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) should ensure that the school has clear and understandable systems which promote excellence across the whole school. SLT are responsible for the clear strategic direction of the school's Development Plan. In conjunction with the school's Development Plan, the Professional Development Lead should provide a clear, inclusive programme to address the academic staff's CPD needs.

The Assistant Principal Academic and Curriculum Directors are responsible for the inclusion of the whole school's strategic Teaching and Learning (T&L) planning into their curriculum areas. Strategic direction of the school should be reflected in all Department PEPRs and Department Reviews.

The Curriculum Directors should ensure that Schemes of Work are developed and shared within their teams. Schemes of Work should provide sufficient detail to secure student progress through the relevant key stage. However, individual lessons may still contain flexibility for professional interpretation.



The primary role of Curriculum Directors is to ensure high quality teaching and learning within their teams. All teaching staff are responsible for the quality of delivery of the curriculum in their subject specialism.

Curriculum Directors and teachers should endeavour to establish links with other curriculum areas to help co-ordinate the curriculum and promote transferable skills and enrichment opportunities.

The essential aspect of every lesson is that they incorporate planned progression and student-centered activity, and that there is a good understanding of the aptitudes, needs. The prior attainment of the students must be considered. A range of resources should be used as appropriate, and lessons will demonstrate appropriate knowledge and understanding of the subject matter being taught including relevant subject literacy, numeracy, and oracy.

Learning objectives and intentions should be drawn from an appropriate source and reflect the needs of the students to make progress. Evaluation of lesson outcomes should be made based on those learning intentions to inform future planning. Sources of information could be subject guidelines, Government recommended work, and exam board syllabi. Learning objectives and intentions should be incorporated into teacher planning and delivery but there is no single expected format.

If lesson plans are requested (for formal Lesson Observations), they should be completed to an approved school format.

Teachers should ensure they cater for the learning needs of all students across a lesson and series of lessons, considering additional learning needs, including those of high or low achievers. Every lesson should ensure differentiation to maximise students' learning. In addition, lessons must incorporate AfL opportunities to enable judgements to take place regarding pace and content to adjust as appropriate. A series of lessons should provide different learning activities designed to enfranchise students. All lessons should demonstrate opportunities for scaffolding, recall, retrieval, consolidation, and challenge. Students should be encouraged to be independent learners and thinkers, through the careful structuring of appropriate tasks.

Teachers should be fully aware of the latest ISI criteria on the quality of teaching and learning and should be aware of and compliant with the DfE's Teachers' Standards.

THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- The classroom should be a place conducive to learning where the student desires to learn and is motivated by their surroundings.
- The classroom teacher is responsible for maintaining an environment that fosters students' interest in their subject.
- Classroom displays should be appropriate and updated on a regular basis.



Ethos and Values

- Lessons will encourage respect for other people paying regard to the protected characteristics set out in the 2010 Equalities Act.
- Students should receive an effective preparation for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of life in British Society.
- Students will be taught in way which does not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- Lessons will be underpinned by the school's Key Priorities (High Expectations, Caring Culture, English All Ways) and strive to promote the Worthgate Characteristics (Caring, Communicators, Open-Minded, Resilient, Critical Thinkers).

A Typical Lesson

- Objectives and Intentions are planned and reinforced during each lesson, with measurable outcomes to evaluate the success of those intentions.
- There are clear expectations of a prompt arrival and good behavior of all students.
- The lesson starts promptly, and latecomers are challenged appropriately.
- Students are consistently engaged.
- Students are required to explain their thinking.
- Differentiation activities should be included in every lesson and facilitate appropriate learning for students' differing needs which may include those relating to linguistic ability, academic ability and additional educational needs and cultural backgrounds.
- English must always be encouraged by students and academic staff (except in languagespecific subjects, i.e., MFL), although there are times when explanations in native language can be helpful (paper dictionaries should be encouraged rather than electronic translators);
- Subject literacy key vocabulary and terminology should be reinforced throughout the lesson as well as high expectations for the development of subject literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening).
- Lessons should explicitly develop students' higher-level thinking and learning skills.
- Teachers should regularly check students' understanding of lesson content and student progress in the class.
- Independent learning should be expected, encouraged, and enabled.

Cover Lessons

Please refer to the Teacher Cover Procedure for specific details.

Staff are expected to check their e-mails regularly every day, in case they are required to take Cover Lessons.

Staff unable to attend and deliver their lessons need to follow the cover procedure, ensuring they have communicated their absence with the Cover Manager (Lorraine Whittaker-Francis) 07740 237038 cover@worthgateschool.com between the hours of 7.00am and 8.00am. They also need to email Cover Work to Lorraine and their Line Manager. Cover Work should be appropriate and clear



for students and the staff delivering the cover lesson (the cover teacher is not responsible for identifying / amending resources for cover lessons).

On-line Tuition

Families / students are told during induction / pre-arrivals / as situations arise (i) we do not recommend arranging private online tuition; (ii) the risks of arranging private online tuition and (iii) that they must make the school aware of any arrangements, so we can risk assess this arrangement (with respect to safeguarding that child and others). However, with the IBDP, we are aware that is necessary for private tuition for those students who have to self-study Language A (since we only offer English, French, Spanish and Portuguese).

There is an On-line and Private Tutoring Agreement that must be signed by student / parent / tutor to ensure student safety. Parents / Guardians will have to provide the tutor's details (address and passport identification) and declare these to be authentic and additionally that they take responsibility for this arrangement.

Families / students are told that the tutor will have to communicate via the student's school account (so we are able to monitor / track if concerns are raised) and the family will have to provide our Safeguarding Policy to them – having them confirm the tutor has understood our expectations and their duty of care.

There are student zones / identified rooms set up for students to participate in the online session in a public area (with headphones) should they choose to. Boarding staff patrol these areas as part of their duties. Students are briefed to have the camera facing a wall as supposed to other parts of a room where other students can be in sight. It is rare students access online tutoring in the study hub as students prefer to complete the sessions in private in the safety of their rooms in boarding. Students have access to the EDM (Emergency Duty Manager phone number), so they can call for assistance at any time.

Students are briefed to end any call they deem to cause them distress, harm or if they have a concern. They are also briefed to report any safeguarding concerns to a member of the Safeguarding Team. If the Safeguarding Team are not immediately available, they should report their concern to the nearest member of staff.

Subject Literacy (English in lessons):

- During lessons it is expected that under normal circumstances (i.e., not MFL classes), students will speak in English.
- Students are rewarded for speaking English in school with Griffin points which are recognised at whole school assemblies.
- Following initial testing, an estimated IELTS/ Cambridge score will go onto Shackleton to inform academic staff about English levels of students in their group (this information inform Class Profiles.
- Students can be referred for screening and / or assessment of a learning need and teachers are expected to utilize the guidance from individual Student Learner Profile regarding



- inclusion strategies for students with additional learning needs (refer to the Additional Learning Support (ALS) policy).
- Subject specific terminology and literacy requirements must be embedded and explicitly developed in lessons cross-curriculum initiatives should be followed to drive improvement regarding the Key Priority English All Ways, as directed by the APA and CD for English.

Homework (Independent Study)

- Should be relevant.
- Should extend work that has gone on in the lesson; prepare students for the next lesson and/or target longer-term knowledge/skill retrieval.
- Should be flexible and differentiated.
- Should not usually be used to finish incomplete lessons.
- Should be completed in a professional manner and stored for future reference using Canvas / Teams where possible.
- Where students do not engage with their homework (regarding both quality and deadlines), a note should be put on Shackleton and the student should undergo the IAP process with the teacher and / or HPD (if lack of compliance in more than one subject).

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Formative Feedback

During each term, a student should have at least four formative comments made on their work and key targets set for improvement. Evidence of formative feedback will be available in student folders (hard copy or digital) demonstrating both teacher comments and evidence of student involvement in assessment and feedback. Other marking / feedback may be the outcome of self- or peer-assessment, whole class, or verbal feedback, as we aim for a variety of ways to feed back to our students.

Expectations of Marking

Staff are expected to provide feedback on student work regularly with detailed comments and targets set for improvement at least twice every half term. Student work will clearly be assessed far more frequently than this, but feedback can be verbal, online, self- or peer-assessed and use the wide variety of other approaches which are available to us.

- Marking is regular and thorough enough to spot errors and inaccuracies both in subject knowledge and skills and English language.
- Marking needs to be simple, positive and student friendly. Staff should always advise students what they need to do 'to improve' often using the approach of WWW / EBI (what went well / even better if).
- Written comments and verbal feedback communicate clearly to individual students and their parents the student's strengths / areas for improvement, level of performance, suggested strategies for improving their knowledge, understanding and skills, and goals to be achieved. This can help parents who take an active role in their child's education.



- Teachers do not readily accept inaccurate or inadequate responses to written, verbal or practical challenges.
- Positive steps are taken to act on missing, incomplete, or poorly presented work.
- Students receive verbal feedback every lesson (where appropriate) and written work is returned to students with written feedback within two weeks.

Tracking of Students

Tracking of students takes place after each assessment period to monitor their academic progress and analyse their performance against CEM (Alis / Yellis) predictions. Students achieving assessment grades two or more below Alis / Yellis are identified as underachieving and teachers / PTs are expected to monitor and intervene appropriately. This process will also trigger action by CDs, HPDs or SLT as appropriate and a variety of support interventions including additional support classes, academic reports and individual learning plans are deployed as required. Records are kept of action taken and targets set.

Grading (refer to Appendix for more details)

Common grading principles are used throughout the school.

Assessments carried out during designated assessment weeks will always receive a grade. Otherwise, it is at the discretion of the teacher to decide which work is graded and which may simply have a comment or be fed back on in another way (verbal feedback, self- or peer-assessment, etc.). Where a teacher grades a piece of work, grades will be applied in accordance with this policy and will follow examination body criteria and guidelines where possible. All students have the right to fair and equal access to accurate assessments in accordance with this policy. The school conforms to all relevant areas of the GDPR.

Appeal Against Results

Students may appeal their internally assessed marks as per the Exams Policy, specific awarding body policies and procedures and UFP Quality Assurance Handbook. If they remain unsatisfied, they can raise a complaint via the Complaints Policy.

Plagiarism

Students are warned about the dangers of this by subject staff and via information provided by the Librarian, and instances found will be reported to the Examination Board when appropriate. Students will automatically receive a U Grade for assessments where plagiarism has occurred, and they will also receive a Stage Discipline according to the severity of their offence (they will be interviewed by the Teacher / CD and/or HPD / APA to establish the severity of the offence) with details recorded on Shackleton. An Academic Honesty course has evolved from a Plagiarism Awareness course, which students have to attend if staged. The course is delivered by the Librarian to educate students on the need to demonstrate integrity. Reference is made here to the school Academic Honesty Policy.



ASSESSMENTS

Students are given oral or written assessment tests in each of their academic subjects twice per term. An assessment is usually designed to last for 50 minutes (or longer, since most external examinations are significantly longer than 1 hour) and contains questions based on recently taught work and questions of a synoptic nature intended to revise work learnt earlier on in the course. The questions set are made to resemble those set in final examinations and grading will be aligned with examination board criteria where possible.

Teachers will collaborate with their CD and department team members to standardise and moderate all cycle assessments to ensure consistent QA, and there should be evidence of these processes on department data tracking documents.

STUDENT REPORTS

Twice a term, teachers populate student reports that are addressed to students' parents / guardians to provide information on Academic Achievement, Attitude to Learning (AtL), and Attendance. Copies of these reports are available to students and form the basis of discussions between Subject Teachers, Personal Tutors and students during the academic reflection weeks. Teachers should endeavour to use SMART individualized targets for students and should check they have used the correct student name / pronoun and employed spelling / grammar checks as part of their individual quality control checks before submitting reports for subsequent quality checks by CDs / HPDs / APA / VP.

Subject teachers are responsible for discussing progress, setting targets, and providing individual study plans via student achievement diaries as part of the reporting / assessment cycle.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

This policy incorporates guidelines and strategies contained in the following IB Assessment documentation: Assessment principles and practices – Quality assessments in a digital age: https://www.ibo.org/contentassets/1cdf850e366447e99b5a862aab622883/assessment-principles-and-practices-2018-en.pdf

IB students can demonstrate consolidation of their learning through the completion of all elements of the IB Diploma Programme, including the Core of CAS, EE and ToK. All IB students are encouraged to conform to the school homework guidance, which sets out a recommended schedule of 2-hour homework sessions per weekday evening. IB students are assessed in relation to identified levels of attainment, rather than in relation to the work of other students.

SCRUTINY OF WORK AND LESSON OBSERVATION

Curriculum Directors and the SLT will scrutinise students' work as part of the school's commitment to continuous improvement. Scrutiny will focus on the organization and quality of students' work, the



quality of teacher feedback (plus student response to feedback) and check that whole-school T&L strategies are being reinforced in classrooms.

All academic staff in Departmental teams should receive both collective and individual feedback on the outcomes of this scrutiny of work.

Lesson observations will occur on a regular basis (i) to ensure good practice is occurring; (ii) to help academic staff develop their teaching; (iii) as part of any active research projects and (iv) as a strategy to monitor the effectiveness of ALS strategies and provision.

Lesson observation will be conducted using the school's Observation Procedures, employing the BlueSky platform to record observations and feedback.

Academic staff will ordinarily be observed by their Curriculum Director and/or members of the SLT and will all receive at most 3 formal lesson observations per academic year unless there are exceptional circumstances and/or a member of staff requests more observations as part of their professional development.

Regular learning walks are conducted more frequently and are included in the school calendar. They are carried out by Curriculum Directors, the Professional Development Lead, as well as the SLT. Peer observations are also actively encouraged.

USE OF ICT

Schemes of Work and planning should refer to ICT opportunities.

Members of staff should, where possible, use new technology to enhance the delivery of their Curriculum. Staff are required to use either Worthgate VLE (Canvas) or Microsoft Teams as an interface with students: a repository for lesson presentations, resources, lesson and/or homework assignments. It is also to be used for students to submit work for teachers to monitor and provide feedback.

Use of laptops, mobile phones and other similar electronic devices in class, should be monitored to ensure they are used effectively and appropriately by students.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teachers and Curriculum Directors can request academic CPD opportunities through conversation with Curriculum Directors and via their Performance Management platform (BlueSky). The approval of CPD should be based on identified needs of staff, as documented during performance management, observations, or professional conversations.



Academic staff can expect a minimum of 32 hours INSET per academic year, to include local, national, and international CPD opportunities as relevant to their teaching contexts.

The school provides a T&L calendar of events which incorporates a mixture of compulsory and optional opportunities for professional development. Academic staff members are welcome to request specific workshops and are encouraged to deliver their own.

Academic staff are expected to document and reflect on their CPD each academic year using their performance management platform (BlueSky) and are expected to share their learnings with their colleagues regarding individual CPD (where appropriate).

RELATED POLICIES

- Curriculum
- Appraisal
- ALS
- E-safety ICT
- Exams
- Student Behaviour
- Academic Honesty

APPENDIX: GUIDE TO REPORTING GRADES

A Guide to Attendance

- Attendance including authorised absence:
- This is how often you have been in lessons, but also includes where lessons have been missed for approved reasons (illness certified by the Nurse, agreed college trips, etc.) over the year to date.
- Actual attendance in lessons:
- This is the actual percentage of time you have spent in lessons over the year to date.

A Guide to Grades

- Current Grade this is a cumulative grade which reflects your professional judgement as
 to the student's current performance in the subject. Your decision will be informed by
 their performance to date in assessments, class participation, skills and knowledge
 demonstration and homework evidence.
- Teacher Predicted Grade this is a forward projection grade which reflects your professional opinion on what the student has the potential to achieve in their final grade based on their current performance.
- Attitude to Learning this value is based on a scale of 1-4 with 1 being high and 4 low. This should reflect the way student's approach their learning in your subject based upon



- their participation in class, completion and standard of homework/assignments, coursework, meeting deadlines, attendance and punctuality.
- Minimum Target Grade this is obtained from a CEM baseline test and is the lowest grade we would expect a student to achieve. Students are expected to work towards grades higher than this.

Attitude to Learning Descriptors

A numerical value is awarded per subject:

1	Excellent – Consistently shows these skills and standards
2	Good – Frequently shows these skills / standards
3	Requires Improvement – Inconsistently shows these skills / standards
4	Poor – Rarely shows these skills / standards

We would expect our students to strive for excellence. Therefore, students should be securing a value of 1 or 2 for Attitude to Learning (AtL). However, please note: the numerical value is a 'best fit'.

1 Excellent

- Always focused and actively participates in lessons. In addition, positively contributes to each lesson and works effectively both independently and collaboratively.
- Work produced is of an excellent standard. Responds positively to constructive feedback, to include targets set.
- Homework is of an excellent quality and submitted punctually. Homework clearly demonstrates extension of learning in the classroom.
- Excellent at managing own learning and using initiative.

2 Good

- Maintains focus and participates in lessons. In addition, can positively contribute to each lesson as directed and can work effectively both independently and collaboratively.
- Work produced is of a good standard. Responds positively to feedback.
- Homework is of a good quality and frequently submitted on time. Homework demonstrates some extension of learning in the classroom.
- Good at managing own learning and using initiative.

3 Requires Improvement

- Focused on learning, although can get distracted. Consequently, active participation in lessons is inconsistent and collaborative work may not be productive.
- Work produced is of a varied standard. Reflects on targets set, although actions are not prioritised.
- Homework is of varying quality and can appear rushed. Homework unlikely to be completed on time.
- Unlikely to manage own learning effectively nor use initiative.



4 Poor

- Chooses not to / or is unable to engage in the learning and is rarely focused. Will rely on others for support and motivation.
- Work produced is of a poor standard. Minimal tasks attempted. Targets appear to be ignored.
- Homework appears rushed and may be incomplete. It is not submitted on time or may not be attempted.
- Unable to manage own learning nor use initiative.

In addition, teachers will set SMART targets each term, which will be reviewed during the following reporting cycle. Students will be expected to action their termly targets, which will be documented during one-to-one meetings with Personal Tutors.

A-LEVEL AND UFP STUDENT GRADING

Students can be awarded grades ranging from A*-E, or U.

PRE- and IGCSE Students can be awarded grades ranging from A*-G or U (9-1 or 0 in some IGCSE subjects).

Grade	Quick Description	Student action
A*	Highly distinctive	The student is encouraged to maintain this standard of
9	work	work and stretch themselves beyond the curriculum via
		extension work.
А	Excellent work	The student should try to maintain this standard of work
8		and understand what improvements are necessary to
		achieve an A*.
В	Very good work	The work is of a high quality. Certain specific
7-6		improvements can be made. The student should read
		any comments carefully, redraft work and apply
		feedback to future work to improve.
С	Good work	The work has been done well, however, points may
5-4		have been missed or there may be some other clear
		problems with the piece. The student should read any
		comments carefully, redraft work and apply feedback to
		future work to improve.
D	Fair work	The work is of pass standard, but there are some
3		serious errors or omissions. The student should seek
		advice from their teacher and have specific targets to
		work on areas identified for improvement.
E/F/G	Basic work	The work has just achieved a pass standard. The
2-1		student should discuss the work with the teacher, and if



		appropriate, attempt the piece again applying advice
		given to improve.
U	Unsatisfactory work	The work has not been done to the required standard.
0		The student must discuss the work with the teacher,
		and attempt the piece again where appropriate, support
		strategies/ academic counselling must be requested.

IB COURSE GRADING

Students can be awarded grades ranging from 7 to 1:

Grade	Quick	Student action
	Description	
7	Highly	The student is encouraged to maintain this standard of
	distinctive work	work and stretch themselves beyond the curriculum via
A (Extended		extension work.
Essay and		
ToK)		
6	Excellent work	The work is of a high quality. Certain specific
В		improvements can be made. The student should read
(Extended		any comments carefully, redraft work and apply
Essay and		feedback to future work to improve.
ToK)		
5	Very good work	The work is of a high quality. Certain specific
В		improvements can be made. The student should read
(Extended		any comments carefully, redraft work and apply
Essay and		feedback to future work to improve.
ToK)		
4	Good work	The work has been done well, however, points may
С		have been missed or there may be some other clear
(Extended		problems with the piece. The student should read any
Essay and		comments carefully, redraft work and apply feedback to
ToK)		future work to improve.
3	Fair work	The work is of pass standard, but there are some
С		serious errors or omissions. The student should seek
(Extended		advice from their teacher and have specific targets to
Essay and		work on areas identified for improvement.
ToK)		
2	Basic work	The work has just achieved a pass standard. The
D		student should discuss the work with the teacher, and if
(Extended		appropriate, attempt the piece again applying advice
Essay and		given to improve.
ToK)		



1	Unsatisfactory	The work has not been done to the required standard.
E (Extended	work	The student must discuss the work with the teacher,
Essay and		and attempt the piece again where appropriate, support
ToK)		strategies/ academic counselling must be requested.

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH/ IELTS COURSES

Students can be awarded grades ranging from 9.0 to 0, although in practice the range of grades for students at Worthgate ranges from 3.5 - 8.5 with most between 4.5 - 7.0.

Work should be awarded .5 scores where the standard is approaching a higher band, including writing and speaking assessments. Students, however, should be made aware that writing and speaking are assessed only in terms of .0 scores in the official IELTS marking system.

Score	Quick Description	Student action
CP	Expert/ Very Good	The student is encouraged to maintain this standard of
8.0 / 8.5 /	User	English and stretch themselves beyond the IELTS
9.0		requirements via extension work or academic skills
		development.
CAE	Good User	The student's English work is of a high quality. Certain
7.0 / 7.5		minor improvements can be made. The student should
		read any comments carefully, redraft work and apply
		feedback to future work to improve.
CAE/FCE	Competent User	The work has been done well, but points may have been
6.5		missed, or there may be some other clear problems with
		the piece. The student should read any comments
		carefully, redraft work and apply feedback to future
		work to improve.
FCE	Competent User	The work is of minimum pass standard, but there are
6.0		some serious errors or omissions. The student should
		look at, for example, any essay correction again, and
		make sure that all substantial points have been
		understood and are addressed in future work.
FCE	Modest User	The work has almost achieved a pass standard. The
5.5		student should seek advice from their teacher and have
		specific targets to work on areas identified for
		improvement.
PET	Modest User	The student has language problems which should be
5.0		addressed and may need to discuss a programme of
		extra work in the weakest areas, e.g grammar,



		vocabulary, with the teacher, if necessary, purchasing
		extra course books, e.g. Grammar in Use.
PET/KEY	Limited User/	The student has serious language problems and should
4.5 / 4.0	Extremely limited	discuss a programme of extra work in the weakest
or below	user	areas, e.g. grammar, vocabulary, with the teacher, if
		necessary, purchasing extra course books, e.g. Grammar
		in Use. Additional English support classes should be
		requested.

