

### Key Stage 3 Assessment Grades at NKS:

KS3 Code	Definition		
	Assessment	ATL	Homework
E	E+ Work is significantly exceeding the expected standard in many or all aspects	Always follows the School's behaviour for learning rules and is fully prepared for lessons.  Goes above and beyond in their approach to learning, particularly with respect to self-directed independent learning.	1  Homework is always completed on time.  The quality of the work goes above and beyond the expectations set.  The work is presented with care and accuracy.
	E Work is exceeding the expected standard in many aspects		
M	M+ Work is consistently meeting the expected standards in many or all aspects	Follows the School's behaviour for learning rules and is fully prepared for lessons.  Good behaviour contributes to successful learning.	2  Homework is generally completed on time.  The quality of work is of a good standard  The quality of work is presented to the standard expected.
	M Work is meeting the expected standards in many aspects, but there is scope for further improvement	Routinely responds positively to the expectations of, and guidance from staff.  Students participate in self-directed independent learning activities	
W	W+ Work is working towards the expected standards, meeting some and with refinement could meet many aspects	Working below the expected standard of the School's behaviour for learning rules.  Often unprepared for lessons.  This impacts negatively on own learning.	3  Working below the expected standard of homework.  Homework is often not completed on time.  Homework is not completed to the expected standard.
	W Work is not yet at the expected standard in many aspects	There is little or no participation in self-directed independent learning activities.	
Target grades will not be set			

### What is an 'expected' grade at Key Stage 3?

At Key Stage 3, students are developing their knowledge and skills across the range of subjects. It is expected that students attain a minimum of six Grade 6's at GCSE to enter Sixth Form at NKS, and a grade 6 is generally the minimum grade required to study an individual subject at A level.

The working towards, meeting and exceeding codes act as early indicators to show how students are making progress on the start of this journey towards a potential grade 6 at GCSE. This is based on the standard of work that students have achieved historically in those respective year groups – in relation to the GCSE grades they have gone on to achieve.