



7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Assessment, Reporting and Academic Progress Evenings 2026–27

As we begin the new academic year, I wanted to share some key information about how we will assess and report on students' progress during 2026–27, as well as the dates and arrangements for our Progress Evenings and other key academic events.

Our aim is to ensure that the information we provide to families is clear, useful and gives you a good understanding of how your child is progressing, alongside opportunities to speak directly with school staff.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

Parents and carers of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive two sets of assessment information during the academic year, via the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app.

For each subject, this will include:

- an assessment percentage, showing your child's performance in a key assessment;
- a Teacher Assessed Grade (TAG), based on the range of evidence teachers have gathered about your child's learning over time; and
- an Attitude to Learning grade, reflecting how consistently your child applies themselves to their learning.

There is much more information about our Key Stage 3 assessment model, including a detailed explanation of what each Teacher Assessed Grade means, on our website:

<https://icenisecondary.attrust.org.uk/curriculum/academic-targets-reporting/>

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Parents and carers of students in Years 10 and 11 will receive three sets of assessment information during the academic year, via the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app.

At Key Stage 4, students' attainment is reported using the appropriate grading system for their GCSE or vocational qualification. Reports will also include a predicted grade, which represents teachers' professional judgement of the grade a student is currently on track to achieve by the end of Key Stage 4, taking account of assessment evidence and the progress they are making.

Students are also set aspirational target grades, giving them a clear indication of what they should be aiming towards over the course of Key Stage 4.

As always, assessment information should help to support conversations about learning rather than simply provide a set of numbers or grades. Where you have questions about your child's progress in an individual subject, we would encourage you to contact their subject teacher in the first instance.

Progress Evenings

Following feedback from students, families and staff, our Progress Evenings will operate slightly differently across the two Key Stages this year.

Years 7, 8 and 9 Progress Evenings will take place online. Appointments will be booked through our online booking system, with further information about how and when to book shared with families ahead of each evening.

In addition, Year 7 parents/ carers are invited to join us on Thursday 22nd October to meet with their child's tutor and discuss how they are settling into the academy.

Years 10 and 11 Progress Evenings will take place in person at Icen Academy, giving families the opportunity to meet face-to-face with subject teachers at these important stages of students' courses.

The dates for 2026–27 are:

- Year 7 Settling In Evening: Thursday 22nd October 2026 – In person
- Year 7 Progress Evening: Thursday 29th April 2027 – Online
- Year 8 Progress Evening: Thursday 18th March 2027 – Online
- Year 9 Progress Evening: Thursday 4th February 2027 – Online
- Year 10 Progress Evening: Thursday 17th December 2026 – In person
- Year 11 Progress Evening: Thursday 5th November 2026 – In person

Other Key Academic Events

We would also like families to make a note of the following important dates:

- **Year 9 Options Evening:** Thursday 21st January 2027. This evening will provide information and guidance to support Year 9 students and their families as they begin making decisions about their Key Stage 4 curriculum and GCSE options.
- **Year 11 Success Information Evening(s)** – 10th September 2026, 7th January 2027; **Year 10 Success Information Evening and Work Experience Information Evening** - Thursday 3rd December 2026. Our Success Information Evening sessions are designed to support Year 11 students and their families with practical, evidence-informed approaches to revision, independent study and preparation for the summer examination series.

Further information about each event, including timings and arrangements, will be shared nearer the time. In addition, all key dates can be found on our website: <https://icensecondary.attrust.org.uk/news-and-dates/calendar/>

We know how important good communication between school and home is in supporting students to succeed. Formal reports and Progress Evenings are an important part of this, but they do not need to be the only points at which we discuss your child's learning. If you have concerns or questions about progress at any point during the year, please do get in touch with us. Your child's form tutor is your



first point of contact in the academy, and a full list of email addresses for form tutors and subject teachers can be found on the academy website.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout 2026–27 and to supporting all of our students to make the very best possible progress.

Yours sincerely,

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