

Grades Policy & Descriptors

Grades are sent home on **Grade Sheets** by BirkdalePost throughout boys' careers in the Prep Department. Grades are intended to enable individual target setting and to provide parents with a summary of progress or otherwise.

In **Prep 1 to Prep 4** both Effort and Attainment grades are given in every subject termly.

Effort Grades are awarded as two different number grades for effort in: Written work and separately for Participation and Cooperation. Expected levels are described as such:

Written work – takes care with presentation. Responds well to teachers' advice. Consistently focuses on the tasks set.

Participation/Cooperation – participates readily and positively. Works effectively with peers.

Grades will be awarded as follows:

- 1 Excellent**
- 2 Good**
- 3 Inconsistent**
- 4 Unsatisfactory**

Attainment Grades will be given, as well as Effort grades, for the range of subjects studied. Attainment grades reflect **academic achievement** in the subject in the following range:

- O Outstanding**
- E Exceeding**
- S Secure**
- W Working Towards**

All grades can be modified by a **+ or -** sign. For example, S+ as an attainment grade would signify secure understanding moving towards exceeding expectations. An example Grade Sheet entry will look like the following;

Subject	Topic	Attainment	Effort (Written)	Effort (Participation and Cooperation)	Assessment mark	Birkdale Average	Standardised Score
Maths	Shape	S+	1	2	77	72	106