

# The Folkestone School for Girls Learning Gateway

## An Introductory Guide

The Learning Gateway is the personalised side of our website which is accessed only via unique log in and password details. All students and their parents are issued with these unique credentials.

The learning Gateway allows you to access up to date '**live**' information concerning your daughter at school and gives information on:

- **Attendance**
- **Punctuality**
- **Behaviour**
- **Achievements/Fruitions**
- **Reports**
- **Homework**

This document will focus on how to access the different sections of the gateway and help to explain some of the content of the gateway.

## Accessing the Gateway

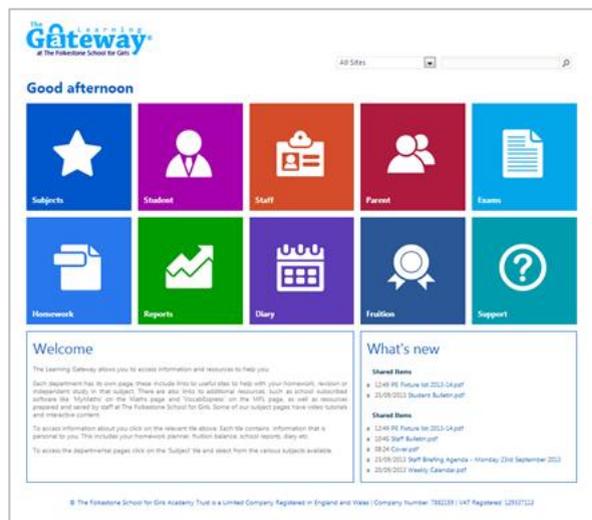
From the school website go to '**My Account**' and then to the '**Learning Gateway**'

You will then be prompted to enter your username and password. These are case sensitive and cannot be changed. Therefore they should be stored in a safe place. In the event that you forget or lose these details please contact the school as soon as possible.

## Home Screen

Once into the Learning Gateway – you will be presented with the following home screen. To access information about your daughter/s you will need to click on the '**Parent**' tile. Other tiles hold different information. The subject tile has all of our subjects that we currently offer. Under the exam tile you will find all the relevant examination timetables, re-sit forms etc. The support tile will provide support guides to help you with any problems you may have with the gateway.

**Note:** You will **NOT** be able to access information via the 'staff' or 'student' or 'homework' or 'diary' tiles.



# Parent

On this tile, you will be presented with key information about your daughters Attendance, Punctuality and Achievements.

## Events from the last 7 Days

This will display further information about the attendance, punctuality, achievement or behaviour of your daughter/s over the last seven days. So for example this may show a 'Fruition' awarded to your daughter, or record a failure to complete homework or an incident of poor behaviour etc. It will not, and indeed cannot, provide details as to which homework or which class was disrupted but does provide at least a starting point for dialogue between the parent and daughter. You can change the time period with the binocular icon if desired.

Underneath this information you will see 'My children' this menu provides access to other information about your daughter/s.

## Student record

This is a more in depth look at her punctuality, attendance, achievement, behavior and timetable.

## Homework

This is a live view of your daughter's homework diary. This will provide details about all homework's that have been set for your daughter.

The current date is highlighted in yellow and homework's set show the date set, date due and which subject. By hovering over and clicking on an individual subject/homework you can access further information regarding the homework, including who set it, set date/due date (again) and a countdown reminder to state how many days left until the deadline. There will also be a description of the homework and in some cases there may be a 'click here' message which will actually link you to the worksheet or resource to be used. These links appear in blue.

The Gateway Parent News dashboard includes a 'Session lateness' gauge showing 0% and a 'Today's Attendance' summary with AM and PM session checkboxes. Below is an 'Events' section with a notification: 'Achievement - Well Done! received recognition for Fruition (Achievement). This was recorded on Friday last week.' A 'My Children Links' section is at the bottom.

The 'Student Basic Information' form includes fields for Legal Forename, Middle Name(s), Legal Surname, Preferred Surname, Preferred Postname, Date of Birth, Age, Gender (Female), and Birth Certificate. Below is a 'Student Session Attendance Summary' table:

Description	Sessions	%
Present	0	0
Authorised Absence	0	0
Unauthorised Absence	0	0
Marks not Recorded	0	0
Recorded	0	0

The homework diary grid shows subjects like Maths, Geography, Science, Spanish, English, Music, Art, History, Science, Geography, Technology, English, and French. The current date, September 24th, is highlighted in yellow.

The homework diary grid is shown with a 'Research' notification: 'Find out what is meant by Female (mathematical). Find a formula and find out what it is used for. If possible, try to find some numbers you could substitute into a formula.' The notification is dated Friday, September 20, 2013, for Maths (10:00 AM) and has 4 days left.

## Data Collection Sheet

This provides parents with an opportunity to check and update key information held by the school about your child so that the school have the current information on their records.

This form will display all student details, contact, medical, dietary & meal, travel and ethnicity information that the school hold. If this information is incorrect simply follow the on screen instructions and proceed through the form making alterations to the information that requires updating.

Once this information has been updated it will be submitted to the school so that the changes can be made.



The screenshot shows the 'The Learning Gateway' interface for 'The Folkestone School for Girls'. The page is titled 'DATA COLLECTION SHEET' and includes a 'Welcome' message for 'Callin Heywood Year 7, C2, Curie House'. A central panel lists the sections to be updated: Student Details (Basic details of the student eg preferred name, address and date of birth), Contacts (Basic details of contacts associated to the student), Medical (Medical information eg medical practices and medical conditions), Dietary & Meal (Dietary information eg meal choices and dietary preferences), Travel (Information about how the student gets to school, travel route), Ethnicity (Ethnicity and culture details about the student eg nationality, first language), and Finish (Review changes and submit to school for processing). A blue arrow button is visible on the right side of the central panel.

## So what are Achievements?

### What is Fruition?

Fruition is the name given to the reward scheme at The Folkestone School for Girls. The name 'fruition' came from a competition held; the winning entry choosing the name 'fruition' because it meant a realisation of something desired or worked for; accomplishment; hard work paying off

### How does *Fruition* work?

The scheme allows students to collect **achievement** points or 'fruitions' over the course of a term or year or entire school career and to then convert these 'fruitions' into a cash reward in the shape of a voucher for Primark, New Look, HMV or I-tunes. Alternatively fruitions can be converted to vouchers for use at the school canteen.

Each *Fruition* point you earn is worth 10 pence.

### How do I earn *Fruition* points?

Fruition points can be awarded by all members of staff at The Folkestone School for Girls. They are awarded 'virtually' so although you do not receive an actual physical token, your school account is accredited with the fruitions you earn. You can earn fruition points for a whole host of reasons. The most common issued are;

1. **Fruition ATL**  
Issued for a consistently great **Attitude To Learning** - excellent effort in classwork and/or homework.
2. **Fruition Attainment/Acheivement**  
Issued for excellent attainment or achievement in classwork/homework or an assessment.
3. **Fruition Improvement**

Issued for improving either your attainment in your work or your effort in your work.

4. **Fruition Positive Contribution to Lesson**

Issued for making an excellent contribution to the class either through answering challenging questions or asking them!

5. **Fruition Award**

Issued once a term. This is a special award for students who put 100% effort into every single lesson and every single homework. This award is worth 50 pence.

6. **Fruition Positive Contribution to School**

This may be issued for representing the school at a public event, participating in a concert or sports team or being helpful to other students or to a member of staff.

Fruitions can also be earned through 100% attendance in any term or if you record 100% attendance over the year you will earn 50 Fruition points in recognition of this!

### How do I check my Fruition balance?

Students and parents can check their fruition balance via the 'my summary' section of the Learning Gateway.

'Fruition' points are listed as per the screen shot below as **achievement** points. This records all the fruitions you have ever earned at The Folkestone School for Girls, including those from last year.

The achievement record lists the type of fruition you have been awarded and the no. of points each fruition is worth. There is also a 'comment' section where members of staff sometimes add a comment as to why you were awarded the fruition. Fruitions awarded in lessons tend to just provide the type of fruition awarded. There is no record of who issued the fruition or which subject it was earned in – as the gateway does not have this function. The information is simply to allow you to share all the good things you do at school with parents and/or carers.

Fruition points that you have redeemed are recorded below this in the behaviour panel as Fruition Redeemed.

Academic Year **Academic Year 201** Refresh

**Achievements - Total Points 179**

Total Fruitions ever earned shown here – we carry forward fruitions from previous years so you don't have to.

Date	Type	Points	Comments
22/11/2011	Fruition Balance Brought Forward	161	
14/11/2011	Fruition ATL	1	
08/11/2011	Fruition Commendation	5	Fruition for the excellent effort made with Suffragette costume on Fo
03/11/2011	Fruition Attainment/achievement	1	
31/10/2011	Fruition 100% attendance for a term	3	100% attendance term 1
04/10/2011	Fruition ATL	1	
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Fruitions you have redeemed are listed here.  
To calculate your current balance:  
**Fruitions earned – fruitions redeemed = Current Balance**

**Behaviour - Total Points 8**

Date	Type	Points	Action
24/11/2011	Fruitions Redeemed canteen cake	8	

## Important Note

We want to celebrate and record **permanently** all the fantastic things you do at school. Therefore when you redeem fruitions, your achievements are not deleted. For example – imagine you had earned 53 fruitions and had chosen to redeem 50 of these towards an HMV voucher. That would leave you just 3 fruitions on your record – this would look like you have only done 3 good things, not 53!

Therefore your **achievements will always show all the fruitions you have earned!**

To calculate your **actual current balance** you will need to subtract any fruitions you have redeemed already! These are recorded in the behaviour panel, as shown above, in 'my summary'

So in the screenshot **179 fruitions** have been earned, 8 have been redeemed so far, so the current balance is

$$179 - 8 = 171.$$

## How do I redeem my fruitions points?

Once you have amassed enough fruition points you can redeem these at the finance office in Penfold during break or lunchtimes **only**.

- **8 fruitions** - can redeem for a canteen voucher to cover the cost of a cake or cookie
- **20 fruitions** - can redeem for a canteen voucher to cover the cost of a panini/pasta pot
- **50 Fruitions** – can be redeemed against £5 vouchers for Primark, HMV or New Look
- **100 Fruitions** – can be redeemed against a £10 i-tunes voucher

## Behaviour Record on the Learning Gateway.

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Students at The Folkestone School for Girls follow just 5 simple rules focused upon ensuring that girls exhibit the correct **Behaviour for Learning**.

1. **I will arrive ready to learn** – I will arrive to lesson with the correct books, equipment and any preparatory work completed to allow me to engage fully with the lesson
2. **I will follow instructions from staff** – I will promptly do as instructed/requested by any member of staff
3. **I will do my best and allow others to do their best** – I will begin and complete tasks promptly and to the best of my ability, maintaining a high work rate throughout the lesson. My behaviour will allow other students in the class to do the same.
4. **I will respect everybody in the room** – I will engage with staff and other students politely and allow other people to contribute answers/questions/ ideas without interruption.
5. **I will complete homework to deadline** – I will complete all homework set to the best of my ability and hand in all homework to deadline.

These 'Behaviour for Learning' rules are communicated home via the Learning Gateway in the first instance, as for example, '**DID NOT arrive ready to learn**' and are simply for information, having already been actioned by staff. The record allows parents to build an overview of their daughter's behaviour at school. It **DOES NOT** and cannot provide details of which subject or which teacher the behaviour incident was recorded in – the gateway does not have this function. The information hopefully serves to provide a starting point for dialogue between parent and daughter.

So for example a student may have '**DID NOT hand in homework to deadline**' recorded on the gateway. This would indicate that although the deadline was not met the homework was subsequently handed in after an extension and no further action was required. If the homework had not since been completed and handed in a detention would have been issued and recorded on the gateway, for you to see. As a general rule, most behaviour incidents are dealt with in school via breaktime and lunchtime detentions. If

these are unsuccessful in resolving the issue or are not attended then an afterschool detention would be issued. At this point parents would be notified by phone. Any serious issues of defiant behaviour or repeated behaviours – for example a student’s repeatedly failing to hand in several homeworks to deadline would be notified home by letter or phone.

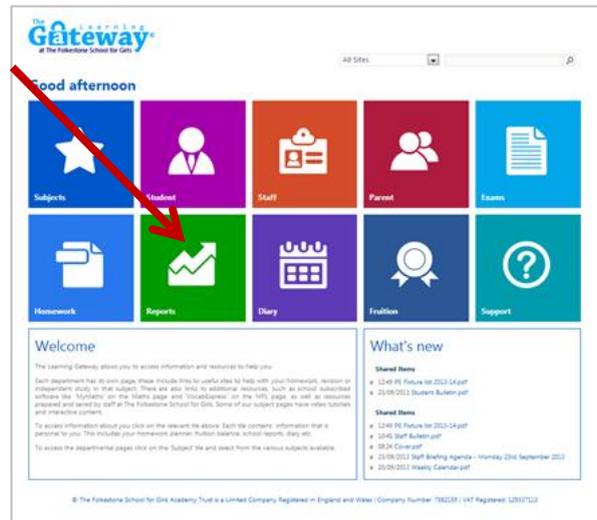
## How can I access my daughter’s school reports?

Simply click on the Reports tile on the home screen. You will then need to select the year group your daughter is currently in – and at this point her current and historic reports will appear.

Student reports will let you access school reports for your child/children at The Folkestone School for Girls.

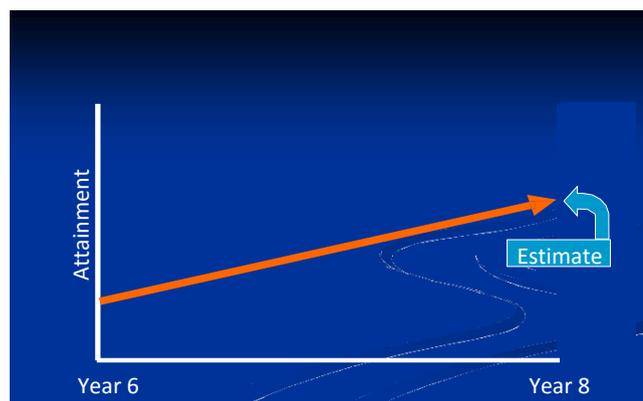
All reports are saved here to enable you as parents/carers to have an overview of your child’s current and historic progress.

Reports alternate between formal reports and interim reports. Formal reports include comments from teachers as to actions necessary to help your daughter progress. Interim reports are purely data driven and designed to give students and parents a more frequent indication of progress made.



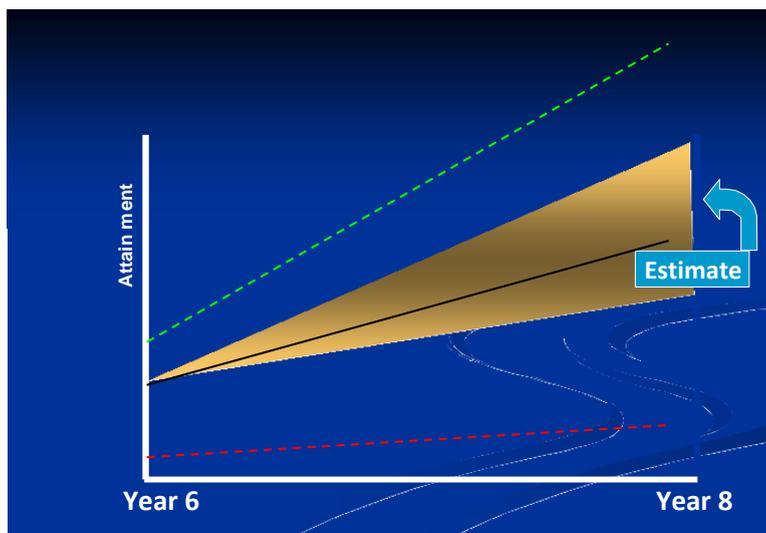
## Where do the targets come from?

Many parents/students are keen to know where their target levels or grades come from? Below follows a brief explanation.



Essentially all targets simply use the prior attainment of a student and compare this with historical evidence of how similar students with similar ability who went to similar schools in the past went on to achieve. The UK has one of the largest educational databases in the world to facilitate this.

In reality it is more like the diagram below with students with the same prior attainment achieving a range of outcomes depending on various factors. So there will be a flaring of the line.



It is also important to note that prior attainment has very significant impact on future attainment. The higher the prior attainment the **more** progress the student will make. ie their progress will follow a steeper path.

The vast majority of schools in the UK and indeed the government use an agency called the Fischer Family Trust to produce student targets. This allows schools to provide targets for students based on their prior attainment at the end of primary school – but also takes into account other factors such as month of birth, gender, type of school attended etc.

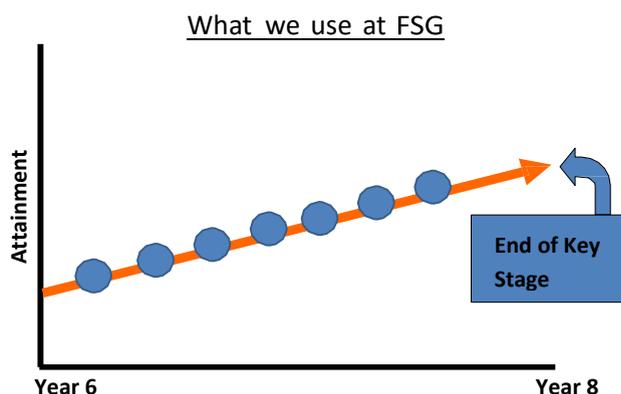
In all, 14 different factors which influence pupil progress are taken into consideration. Therefore targets set for students are incredibly sophisticated and highly accurate.

## The Traffic Lighting explained

In term 1 of year 7, we would not expect a student to be achieving their year 8 end of key stage target so it makes no sense in comparing current attainment to this target.

**We would expect them to be en route towards this target however.**

Essentially we have a created a system which monitors students' **progress towards** their end of key stage target – a kind of 'flight path', with interim stepping stones on their progress 'journey' towards their end of key stage target calculated.



We judge the current attainment of the student against where they should be at this point in time. The current attainment is then traffic lighted.

**Green** denotes that the student is on or above where they should be.

**Amber** that they are broadly in line with where they should be.

**Red** that they are significantly behind where they should be.

We use a similar methodology for GCSE and for A/S and A level

## What progress should my daughter be making?

**All students** in the UK are expected to make **at least three levels of progress** between Year 7 and GCSE.

GCSE Grade		U	G	F	E	D	C	B	A	A*
End Of Primary KS2 Result	3	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	#	Green	Green	Green
	4	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	#	Green	Green
	5	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	#	Green

### Levels of Progress

From the chart above you can observe that;

- students attaining a Level 4 at the end of Primary School should attain at least grade C at GCSE
- students attaining a Level 5 at the end of Primary School should attain at least grade B at GCSE.

However, you should also observe the # symbol which denotes the grade required to achieve 4 Levels of Progress. The majority of our students who achieve level 5 at primary school are expected to make 4 levels of progress and their targets reflect this.

**As a general guideline your daughter should make roughly one level of progress over one year.**