

School Reports December 2021

The purpose of our school report is to provide a comprehensive representation of, and to contribute to, **the personal development our students** and to support learning and teaching. We value the professional opinion of our teachers in **providing honest and constructive feedback** to show how our students can learn and improve. These reports will build on the ongoing feedback students receive in class about their learning throughout the school year.

Our school reports are now available electronically using your Progresso.net (Cloud School) account or through the new Cloud School App. This is a different App to our own School App. You will have received details of this account prior to your student's first formal report.

New feature of our School Reports

We have added a new field to our school reports this year. It is "Academic Potential" and is found at the top right corner of the report.

Academic Potential is a broad informed approximation of your student's expected academic capability where they fully apply themselves to their schoolwork in each subject. Academic Potential is presented in four broad bands (1-4).

These bands are established using your student's overall mean(average) score generated from the four areas of the CAT4* test. Namely, Verbal Reasoning (thinking with words), Quantitative Reasoning (thinking with numbers), Non-verbal Reasoning (thinking with shapes) & Spatial Ability (thinking with shape and space).

There may be a slight variance between subjects at junior cycle, which may on occasion be more pronounced at senior cycle. More information on the Academic Potential bands is available in the Parent/Guardian Report Aid, which will be shared with you alongside the reports.

This informed approximation is currently based on the results of our Entrance Assessments (CAT4E). These results were shared with you when your student was/is in First Year**, where you received more substantial data on the different aspects of the CAT assessments. Our students sit the follow-on CAT4F assessments in Third Year, again the results are shared with you.

In this set of reports, the academic potential of all students is based on their Entrance Assessments. Therefore, while a fair indication, the approximation for our senior students in these reports is not definitive. We will have the Academic Potential for all our senior cycle students updated to reflect the results of their CAT4F assessments for our next set of reports in March 2022 and thereafter.

**Note; Since we did not have a First Year Information Evening due to Covid19 restrictions, current 1st Year parents/guardians have not yet received the Parent Report from the CAT 4 test – this will be shared with you in early January.

*CAT4 = Cognitive Abilities Test Fourth Edition

Please see the "Parent Report Aid" for all details associated with our school reports.