




Dear Parent/Carer

This letter is to inform you of the target setting process used to assess students in years 9, 10 & 11.

Target Setting

- This year every student will be set a target grade for each subject. These are aspirational grades which every student should aim for. They are based on how much progress a student makes based on the students' Key Stage 2 levels achieved at primary school. If students reach their target grade their GCSE results would be on or above the national average.
- These target grades for most subjects represent the new 9-1 GCSE grades, with 9 being the highest. Students will record these on stickers for each subject on their books and folders by October half term. Below is how the new 9-1 grades relate to the old A*-G grades.

New GCSE grading structure



Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	B
6	C
5	D
4	E
3	F
2	G
1	U
U	U

In the first year, the same proportion of students will achieve a grade 7 and above


achieve a grade 4 and above

achieve a grade 1 and above

as currently get A and above

as currently get C and above

as currently get G and above



- As these are target grades, rather than 'Minimum Expected Grades' that students have used in the past, many students will see these target grades will be higher than before.

How do I know if my child is progressing?

- On school reports this year, students will receive a forecast grade. The Forecast Grade is based on teacher's professional judgment, including current information taken from recent assessments, coursework, classwork, homework and the student's general attitude since starting the course. It is a prediction of the final grade they will be awarded in their GCSE examinations. Your child is progressing well if their Forecast Grade matches or even exceeds their aspirational Target Grade.



Reports & Parents Evening

Below are the dates for this year's reports and parents evenings this year.

Year 9

Year 9 Autumn Report	Tuesday 21 st November
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 23 rd November 4-7pm
Year 9 Spring Report	Tuesday 27 th February
Year 9 Summer Report	Tuesday 15 th May
Year 9 Parents Evening	Thursday 17 th May 4-7pm

Year 10

Year 10 Autumn Report	Tuesday 28 th November
Year 10 Spring Report	Tuesday 20 th February
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 22 nd February 4-7pm
Year 10 Summer Report	Tuesday 10 th July
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 12 th July 4-7pm

Year 11

Year 11 Autumn Report	Tuesday 14 th November
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 16 th November 4-7pm
Year 11 Spring Report	Tuesday 30 th January
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 1 st February 4-7pm
Year 11 Spring (2) Report	Tuesday 22 nd March

Please use all of this information to further support your child. Should you have any immediate questions regarding this report please feel free to contact the relevant subject teacher or subject leader. Broader concerns should be addressed to your child's mentor or Head of Year.

Yours sincerely

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