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Dear Parent / Carer

As your child approaches the end of their first half term of Year 11 I thought it would be useful to write to you to explain some of the changes to GCSEs and grading and to give you a summary of some important dates and events on the Year 11 calendar. You will also receive an English and Maths newsletter with important information about these subjects.

You are probably aware that the government has recently announced radical changes to the structure and assessment of GCSEs. We are moving away from the familiar system of A\*-G grades to a new system of grading with numbers. This only affects English Language, English Literature and Maths for our current Year 11

Because the content in the new GCSEs is so different there is no simple and direct way to convert between the old GCSE A\*-G grades and the new number grades. The table below should help explain this, though you will see a straight forward comparison isn't that easy. Currently a "good" GCSE is considered to be a C or above. From 2017 and beyond this changes to a Grade 5, which as you will see is roughly equivalent to a high C or the bottom third of a grade B. Broadly speaking the same proportion of students will achieve Grade 4 and above as currently achieve Grade C and above and the same proportion will achieve grade 7 and above as currently achieve grade A and above.

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



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Your child's targets and PPGs (professional predicted grades) reflect this transitional phase and are a mixture of grades and numbers. Targets are aspirational, with each child in Year 11 having a target of at least four levels of progress from Key Stage Two as we want all of our students to make more than expected progress.

**Key dates and events this term:**

2/11/16: Sixth Form Information evening

7/11/16: PPEs (pre public exams) start. Your child will be set revision work over half term by their subject teachers. The exams run until 17/11/16.

25/11/16: Year 11 results assembly. Year 11 students receive the results of their PPEs.

6/12/16: Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or please contact Mr Cooke, their Progress and Guidance Leader, or for subject specific questions, please contact the relevant Learning Team Leader via the school office on 01937846636.

Yours faithfully



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