

WS/And/Yr11/Target Grades

16 October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to be able to provide you with a progress report for your son or daughter so early in Year 11. This is such an important year as our students prepare for their GCSE examinations in the summer. I will keep you updated throughout the year and of course you will be able to discuss your child's progress with their teachers at Parents Evening on Thursday 16 November 2017.

The data contained in this report is a little different to that which we have reported in previous years. Firstly you will notice two targets. The first is the MEG –the minimum expected grade. This is your child's target based on Key Stage two data across the whole country. The second is the ATG or aspirational target grade. This is a much more challenging target we want students to aspire to.

Instead of reporting predicted grades as we have done in previous years, we have collected current grades. We believe this will give us a much more accurate picture of how students are doing. The current grades you see may be lower than the targets but this isn't necessarily a cause for concern, unless they are two or more grades below target. The effort score will also provide you with an indication of how hard your son or daughter is working and the descriptors for these grades are included overleaf for your reference.

You will also notice that most grades now are reported in numbers not letters. This was the case in Maths and English last year and this year we will see these new grades rolled out across most subjects. There isn't a straightforward way of comparing the old letter grades with the new number grades but the government have define 4+ as a standard pass (the old C grade) and 5+ as a strong pass. The table below will help make sense of these new grades.

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## Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5 <b>STRONG PASS</b>	B
4 <b>STANDARD PASS</b>	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Should you have any questions about your child's progress and the data on this report, please contact Mr Cooke, the Progress and Guidance Leader for Year 11, in the first instance.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Parents Evening; I do hope you will be able to attend what is a really important event in our school calendar.

Yours faithfully



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Vice Principal