

JP/And/Yr7/Target Grades

15/11/17

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to be able to provide you with your first progress report for your son or daughter in Year 8. 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 1st February 2018.

You will notice your son/daughter has been given two targets. The first is the MEG – the minimum expected grade. This is your child's step target for the end of Year 8 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 step we want students to aspire to.

Throughout the year you will receive your son/daughters current step. We use a system of steps in Years 7 and 8 to assess students progress against subject specific criteria. Steps are our way of assessing students and do not translate directly into a GCSE grade, they are a separate system of assessment. We believe this gives us an accurate picture of how students are doing. The current steps you see may be lower than the targets but this isn't necessarily a cause for concern, unless they are two or more steps 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 on page 122 of the planner.

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Should you have any questions about your child's progress and the data on this report, please contact Mr Lynskey, the Head of Year 8, in the first instance.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CM Jespers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "M".

Mrs Cath Jespers
Assistant Principal