

WS/And/Yr9/Target Grades

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to be able to provide you with a progress report for your son or daughter for Year 9.

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 2 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, as they have only just started their courses. The effort score will also provide you with an indication of how hard your son or daughter is working.

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 defined 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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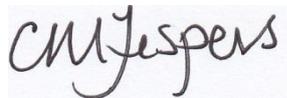
Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5 STRONG PASS	
4 STANDARD PASS	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
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Should you have any questions about your child's progress and the data on this report, please contact Mr Colley, the Head of Year 9, 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



Mrs Cath Jaspers
Assistant Principal