

Our Ref: KLS/Kbd

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 11 Autumn Student Progress Report

I am delighted to enclose your child's first progress report for the academic year 2017/18. I recommend that you read this letter carefully as it details key information included in the report.

The key pieces of information are as follows:

1. **Attendance:** the minimum requirement as set by the government is 95%.
2. **Subject:** the subjects that your son/daughter currently studies.
3. **Indicator grade(s):** These figures have been estimated by the department of education based on your child's performance in their final year of primary education. The decimal scores for each subject provides an indication of how close your child should be to the next whole grade.
4. **Current Working Grade:** this is the grade based on their current performance.
5. **Behaviour For Learning, Effort and Home Learning:** This grading has recently been reviewed in response to feedback from parents. Your child will now receive a grade of Below, Meeting or Exceeding depending on how they are performing against the standards set by the Academy. Further details can be found on the back of the progress report.

GCSE and other grades explained

Due to the fact that some GCSE subjects are already following the new curriculum and others are still completing the non-reformed curriculum, students will be receiving a mixture of the new GCSE levels 1-9 (9 being the highest) and the previous grading of A*-G. Students studying combined science will receive two numeric grades.

The highest GCSE grade is an A* or 9 and the lowest is a G or a 1. 'U' stands for 'Ungraded' and this means that the work is of such a low standard that it cannot be awarded a grade. Please note that an F is a grade between E and G, it does not stand for 'fail'.

For BTEC and National subjects; Business, Science and Sport, GCSE grades are not used but a simple 4 tier system is in operation. The top mark is a D*, Distinction*, the next mark is a D for Distinction, M for Merit, and the third mark is a P, Pass.

Next Steps

Please sit down with your son/daughter to go through the progress report and set some targets for the next academic year.

We are determined that all students at our Academy reach their full academic potential. These progress reports are an excellent way to monitor the progress of your child. With your full support, and the dedication of your son/daughter to succeed, then there is no reason why his/her full potential cannot be met next year.

If this letter has been posted to you, our records may not hold a valid email address. Please contact us using the email address or telephone numbers below. Please include your full name, your child's name and the email address to be used for future communications.

Yours faithfully

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