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Dear Parent,

I hope you had a pleasant summer and that your child is starting the academic year refreshed and keen to study.

Our assessment weeks feed into the period grades that are published twice a term. The course of study is broken down into topics taught through each half term. The assessments run during assessment week are end of topic tests or a small in-class project on which recent learning is evaluated. It is important that pupils are not absent during assessment week, dates of which are in the calendar. The period grade is an outcome of that assessment and it may include a percentage of preps done for that topic.

Consequently, period grades may fluctuate and they inform us which topics the pupil has understood well and which they are less secure in. They are not predictions of final year grades, but a trend can be discerned. For example, a pupil in Year 10 will have 5 period grades at the end of the academic year, which may be as follows:

PG1	PG2	PG3	PG4	PG5
6b	6a	3a	5b	6a

The above indicates that topics covered in Lent, PG3 and PG4, are the weakest topics and that work will need greater revision time when preparing for end of year exams. We use this assessment data to track progress period by period and where there is a dip, pupils may attend subject clinics. You will be notified when period grades are ready to view and can do so through the Parents' Portal.

This summary on the next page sets out the criteria for period grades for Senior School.

Yours sincerely,



Sixth Form A Level & BTEC Diploma Period Grades:

A Level

Achievement:

A* – E E being the minimum grade to achieve a pass

U is unclassified and therefore **below** threshold to achieve a pass

BTEC

Achievement:

D+ - Distinction * D – Distinction M – Merit P- Pass U – Undgraded/Fail

IB Diploma

Achievement:

7 – Excellent 6 – Very Good 5 – Good 4 – Satisfactory 3 – Mediocre 2 – Poor 1 – Very Poor

Sixth Form effort levels:

5 – Impressive – outstanding effort, independent learner, reads widely around the subject which clearly contributes significantly to his/her understanding.

4 – Excellent 3 - Good 2 - Below Expectations 1 – Serious Concern

Middle School Period Grades:

Equivalent GCSE National Levels:

Grade	A*	A	A-	B	C+	C	D	E	F
Level	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

The majority of GCSEs are reported in levels 9-1

Middle Effort Levels:

5 – Excellent: includes evidence of independent learning

4 – Very Good 3 – Good

2 – Below expectations 1 – Serious Concern

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