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Dear Parent,

GCSE Target Grades for Examinations in 2024

Key stage 4 is an important time for all our students, it is important that we all have high aspirations for their learning and personal development. Most schools give students targets based on an individual's KS2 SATS performance in English and Maths combined with how students have performed across the country in previous years at GCSE. Often, students and parents have very little influence over targets. Targets can be motivating but they can also be limiting if a child believes that their target is the ceiling or limit on what they can achieve.

At Burscough Priory Academy, we believe that targets are important, that they should be both challenging but achievable and that students and parents should be involved in the target setting process. This week your child has had an assembly where we have discussed how student like them have performed previously in their GCSEs. We have shared tables with your child which show the percentage of students achieving each grade in previous years, in each subject. Students have been asked to select, as a minimum, a target that represents a grade achieved by 50% or more than the national cohort, this is to ensure that students are appropriately challenged.

Following this assembly, your child has selected personalised targets for each of the subjects they study - they have brought home to discuss them with you. Students were not allowed to choose targets lower than the minimum expected grade we want students to achieve, but they have had the option to increase their targets for subjects they feel most confident in. Please can you discuss the targets your child has set for themselves and make any final amendments you agree are reasonable and aspirational? Following this, please sign the document and return the personalised target setting documents to the school office no later than 3.15pm on Monday 27 February.

Next week the Heads of House in the Progress Team, along with members of the school's leadership will review the targets that have been submitted. Following this, each student will have a meeting with a member of staff and other students to discuss the targets before they are then entered onto the school's system.

Please talk to your child about these targets and if you have any further questions regarding the setting of these target grades, please contact school on enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org

Yours faithfully,

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