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Dear Parent / Carer,

Understanding your child's report

You have recently received your son/daughter's academic report telling you how they have progressed in each of their subjects.

In order to further understand the report, we have given some further information below which may help you.

KS3 (years 7-9)

For each subject you will see a target grade (this is for the end of the academic year) and then the grade your child is currently working at in each subject. There are four grades:

- Extending (blue) – your child is going above and beyond.
- Securing (dark green) – your child is secure in their knowledge.
- Developing (light green) – your child is understanding some of the concepts.
- Acquiring (yellow) – your child is beginning to understand some of the concepts.

As well as getting a grade, you will also see a letter (A-D) for their effort in the following areas:

- Behaviour
- Work rate
- Participation
- Homework

The letters stand for the following:

- A – routinely exceeds expectations and goes above and beyond.
- B – routinely meets expectations.
- C – does not always meet expectation.
- D – expectations are routinely not met, significant improvement is required.

KS4 (year 10)

For assessments at key stage 4, pupils are assessed against the 9-1 GCSE grading scale. A grade 9 is the highest grade and a grade 4/5 is a pass. The grade on your child's report is an indication of where they are working at the moment.

For some subjects, such as Maths, Science and Spanish pupils are entered for either foundation or higher. Foundation tier offers pupils the opportunity to get grades 1-5 and higher grades 3-9. If a pupil does not perform well on the higher tier they may get a grade U. This is because the boundary for a grade 3 is very narrow so it is possible at this stage to achieve a grade U. The higher tier does not afford pupils the opportunity to achieve a grade 1 or 2. We will constantly review the tier of entry in these subjects as pupils progress through their GCSE courses.

For science, although pupils study chemistry, physics and biology, they come out with two grades (combined science).

All other subjects do not follow the tiered system and all pupils receive the same exam papers.

Pupils will have grades in Maths, English Language, English Literature, Combined Science (2 grades), RE and their three option subjects.

In the summer term, year 10 pupils will complete formal end of year exams in the sports hall. I will write to parents / carers of year 10 nearer the time with further information.

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Should you have any further queries regarding these reports, please contact your child's head of year in the first instance.

Yours Faithfully,

James Race

(Assistant Headteacher)

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