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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Report - Target Grades Queries

Last week you should have received your child's first Year 10 report. We have since received several questions from parents regarding the GCSE target column. I have therefore provided further information below to provide some clarification.

- The GCSE target grade is the minimum expected grade your child should achieve when compared to other children nationally who achieved the same CAT score in Year 7.
- The GCSE target grade is not the grade that the teacher thinks your child will achieve (this is their teacher predicted grade).
- The GCSE target grade is usually based on a child's Year 6 SAT score (the higher the SAT score, the higher the target grade). However, as your child didn't take their SATs due to COVID, it is instead based on their Year 7 CAT score (again the higher the CAT score, the higher the target grade).

We will not publish your child's teacher predicted grade yet as it is too early in the course, however you may find, for example, a child is excelling at school and whilst their GCSE target may be a grade 5 the teacher may have said if they continue working at their current rate they should achieve a grade 7. This would mean your child is performing two grades above their target grade. The class teacher will therefore be working as hard as possible to make sure your child achieves a grade 7 as they are capable of this grade and not a grade 5.

Teacher predicted grades will be shared with you as part of the Year 10 parent's evening conversations later in the year when the teachers have enough evidence and class work to make an informed prediction.

I hope this clears up any misunderstanding, however please feel free to email me should you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully



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