



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **RE: Year 10 Target Grades**

During the Year 10 Guidance Evening held in October, we shared some academic data about your child and the examination subjects they are studying, entitled 'National Expectation Data'.

You may remember how we explained that for some of our students, due to issues caused by the pandemic (not sitting Y6 SAT tests), the data indicated a predicted examination grade that was far too low. We advised parents to use this data as a '*rough guide*' and that instead, our teachers would set bespoke target grades for each student individually that are 'ambitious yet achievable' dependent upon the quality of their work and their aptitude. Now that your child is approximately halfway through their examination courses, teachers have a much greater understanding of their capabilities and have spent this half term setting more appropriate target grades.

Accompanying this letter, you will find a copy of the target grades for your son/daughter.

We will no longer be using the previous 'National Expectation Data' and instead, your child's progress will be tracked against their new target grades for their remaining time in Year 10 and throughout Year 11. This data will allow us to deploy relevant intervention and support more meaningfully and in a timely fashion in order to avoid any potential underachievement.

The first time students will be tracked against this data will be in the upcoming end of Year 10 examinations which commence immediately after the half term break (Monday 3 - Monday 17 June). These end of year examinations and their significance has been explained to your child and hopefully, they should be well underway with their preparations to do the best they possibly can in these assessments.

To help support your child, you may find the following link to our school website useful: [Assessment Preparation | St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School](#). Here you can find the examination timetable for this assessment period and further details of what your child should be revising.

I trust that you will find these target grades much more useful.

Yours faithfully

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