



Wellfield Academy

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Information about GCSE target setting

Key stage 4 is an incredibly important time for all of our students and it is important that we have high aspirations. 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 motivational but they can also be limiting if a student believes that their target is the best they can achieve.

At Wellfield Academy, we believe that targets are important, that they should be challenging but achievable and that students and parents should be involved in the target setting process. Last week your son/daughter had an assembly where we discussed how student like themselves had previously performed in their GCSEs. We have now started the process of sharing with your son/daughter tables 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.

This week your son/daughter will select personalised targets for each of the subjects they study in conjunction with their House Progress Leader or a member of the Senior Leadership team. You will receive a copy of these targets in the near future.

Please speak with your son/daughter about these targets and if you have any questions please contact school through enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org. Shortly you will have an opportunity to speak to your son/daughter's teachers at our Year 10 online parents' evening which will be held on 26th January (details to follow).

Yours Sincerely,

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