



## Rossett School

Success for everyone

June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware from [previous correspondence](#) we are using a new assessment system in Year 7/8 due to the national curriculum reforms and the removal of 'levels'.

At the beginning of Year 7, students were given a new GCSE style target band (see below) for each of their subjects.

- Excellence (9-8)
- Secure (7-6)
- Developing (5-4)
- Foundation (3-1)

Targets were then generated using Key Stage 2 test results for writing based subjects (English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, RS, French, Spanish, ICT) and our own baseline assessments for more practical subjects (Music, PE, DT, Drama and Art).

Over the course of the year the students work has been assessed by their teachers to ensure they are on track to meet GCSE style target grades by the end of Year 11. Students will have received periodic written and verbal **feedback** as to what they need to do in order to improve.

As a final check to see how students are progressing towards their GCSE target, they will complete an assessment activity in each of their subjects. Assessments will take place between **Monday 12 and Thursday 15 June 2017** in timetabled classrooms, during normal lesson time. Subject teachers have advised students how to prepare for these assessments.

Although these assessments are for internal use, I would like to emphasise their importance as they will form **part** of the data used to determine how much progress your son/daughter has made across the year. In addition, this may be used to help the setting process for next year in some subjects. I would therefore ask that you encourage your son/daughter to carry out revision for each of their exams in their own time. This could include retrieval practice activities such as creating flash cards, writing out notes from memory, concept mapping, asking themselves questions periodically and also using any available test material, where applicable, to check their knowledge and understanding.

The outcome of these assessments, along with an indication of the overall progress your son/daughter has made will be reported to you **Wednesday 5 July 2017**. If you have any questions, please email Mr Sweetman, Director of Learning: Year 7 [msweetman@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:msweetman@rossettschool.co.uk) or Miss Cameron, Director of Learning: Year 8 [scameron@rossettschool.co.uk](mailto:scameron@rossettschool.co.uk).

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