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Dear Parents/Carers

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 have been 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 their work has been assessed by their teachers, to see if 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 end of year assessment activity in each of their subjects. These assessments will take place during lesson time between 10th -21st June 2019. The timetable for when the individual subject assessments will take place, revision materials and details of how best to prepare can be found here.

Although these examinations are only for internal use, I would like to emphasise the importance of them. Essentially, the assessments will form part of the data used to determine how much progress your child has made over 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 child to carry out some 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 child has made will be reported to you on Wednesday 3rd July.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Director of Learning.

Yours sincerely

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