

**KEY STAGE 4  
YEAR 10 ATL and TARGET Grades September 2020**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find attached a copy of your child's attitude to learning grades and target grades. The purpose of this report is to give an early indication, since returning to school, as to how well your son/daughter is has re-engaged with learning and to indicate their aspirational target grades for each subject at the end of Key Stage 4.

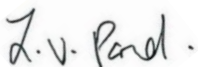
Remember that everyone can improve. It is important for all students to appreciate the need to work consistently hard in order to make progress and to reach their potential. To encourage this mindset in our students we introduced an Attitude to Learning matrix. We make no excuses for 'raising the bar' as far as aspiration, effort and consistent hard work are concerned. Students will be expected to achieve as many 4s 'striving for excellence' and 3s 'motivated for learning' as is possible in all subjects. The Headteacher commends consistently outstanding attitude to learning across a range of subjects. Cases of poor or disappointing attitude to learning are fully investigated.

We have supplied your child's target grades. The grades are not 'projected grades', 'current grades', 'predicted grades' or 'estimated grades'. They are target grades. Simply put, these target grades are calculated based on KS2 prior attainment scores. It is a statistical model developed by the Fischer Family Trust. The model looks at the GCSE results of previous cohorts of all students nationally who got the same scores at KS2 and uses that to generate a target grade. There has been no teacher input regarding these grades and they are not based on any assessments or work that have been completed in school.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we do not believe that we are in a position, at this time to supply accurate projected grades. Whilst students were asked to complete mock exams during the school closure, these were conducted to allow students to have a mock experience and build exam stamina and for teachers to plan more effectively this term to address gaps in students' learning. Teachers will be assessing students during this half term, to gain a more precise picture of their current performance and we will inform you of your child's attainment and progress as soon as we can. Please be aware that target grades are set at a minimum level called FFT20. They are highly aspirational and nationally 20% of students achieve these. We believe that by setting the bar high, students will rise to the challenge in this important year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs L Pond  
Interim Headteacher

