

January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Key Stage 4 Year 10 Subject Review Grades January 2021

Please find attached a copy of your child's attitude to learning grades, current, projected 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 has re-engaged with learning and to indicate their aspirational target grades for each subject at the end of Key Stage 4.

If grades are missing, this is due to the member of staff being absent from school due to illness and unable to mark work, or your child has been absent due to illness or self-isolation and has been unable to submit grades at this time. If a member of staff has been absent, they will endeavour to mark your child's work as a matter of priority.

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.

Teachers have been assessing students during this term, to gain a more precise picture of their current performance. They have used the assessments to determine a current grade which tells you what grade they are currently achieving based on one assessment in their Level 2 qualifications. Teachers have then used these assessments, combined with how well your child is working in class and at home, to estimate a projected grade. The definition of a projected grade is the grade that your child is likely to achieve at the end of Year 11 if they continue to perform as currently.

We also have supplied your child's 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 has been completed in school.

As a school, we have been developing a new reporting model to parents in conjunction with our new data software system and consultation with the school's parent group, HPAG. Currently, due to the lost learning time students have missed due to COVID, you would expect the majority of students to be working below expected. This will change over time and we would expect to see a significant movement by the next assessment. We hope that you find the new system is clear and accessible and we will continue to seek your views, with any feedback welcome.

We hope that the information provided helps to keep you up to date with your child's progress.

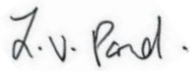


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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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