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Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Target Grades

Your son/daughter will shortly receive their first interim report in the Sixth Form. Their report shows their target grades for their A Level courses. We would like to take this opportunity to explain how the target grades have been worked out.

We use Level 3 Value Added to provide performance indicators specific to each student and each subject studied. Target grades are equated based upon their performance at GCSE level (average point score) and are specific to each individual subject chosen at A Level.

Grades are assigned to individual subject choices. The grades given represent the level that a student with your son/daughter's attainment at GCSE could be expected to attain. These target grades are used internally after key assessment points to help indicate the progress that students are making on their courses. Hard work is vital from the start of Year 12 if students are to achieve their target grades.

The target grades that we set are aspirational target grades with the intentions of stretching our students. We have explained this to students during their Year assemblies in recent weeks. Our students are still at the early stages of linear two year A Levels. It is not to be expected that their predicted grades on their first report match their target grade. We are looking to see progression towards their target grade during the two year course.

Target grades are not shared with universities when students begin their university applications. Universities are sent teacher predicted grades which are largely based upon performance in Year 12. The predicted grades are the grades that will be shown on interim reports. These grades reflect what the class teacher predicts a student will achieve at the end of Year 13 based on current effort levels, classwork, homework, internal assessments and any coursework completed so far.

We would value your support in discussing the grades with your son/daughter when they receive them.

Yours faithfully

Handwritten signature of Bryan Saunders.

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Head of Year 12