

Letter to All Year 7 Parents

10 November 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware from our letter dated 8 November 2011 you will have an opportunity to review your son/daughter's progress with his/her tutor on Thursday 24 November 2011 at our Year 7 Parents/Tutor Evening. To inform your discussions we hope you will find your child's first interim report (enclosed) useful and we would encourage you to attend and bring this report with you.

During the evening, and in addition to a discussion with your child's tutor, you will also have the opportunity to attend relevant and informative sessions led by key members of staff involved in supporting your son/daughter through Key Stage 3. These include guidance on internet safety, iDeer (the school's virtual learning environment), becoming a teenager, and achieving success in Key Stage 3. I will also be present to share our vision for Deer Park.

Your son/daughter's Year 7 Interim Report has an attainment grade for each subject, expressed as a National Curriculum level. The levels are further divided into a, b and c, so Level 4a, for example, would be a high Level 4 and Level 5c would be a low Level 5. For your information we have included overleaf the distribution of grades awarded by subject so you can see where your child's grade fits in with the rest of the year group. Levels for French and Spanish tend to be lower than for other subjects as they are new for most pupils.

We are currently collating target grades. These will be included on future reports. They will be based on pupils' prior attainment and are usually set at the level individual pupils should be aiming to achieve by the end of our academic year. The report also has grades for Effort, Homework and Behaviour, all of which are graded as Excellent, Good or Needs Improvement. Where the homework grade is blank it means the subject does not set homework.

You will receive a further interim report in March 2012 and you will have an opportunity to meet with your son/daughter's subject teachers at our Year 7 Parents' Evening on Thursday 22 March 2012. Our Year 7 Next Step Target Reports will be shared with parents in May, before your son/daughter moves into Year 8 in June 2012. .

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Yours sincerely

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