

Letter to All Year 8 Parents

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to enclose your child's Year 8 Interim Report. This forms part of our cycle of reporting over Key Stage 3.

As in his/her previous reports, your son/daughter's Year 8 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.

The "target grade" is based on pupils' prior attainment and is the level they should be aiming for by the end of the academic year. In some cases, your child may have already achieved or exceeded their targets and therefore teachers will be increasing the level of challenge for him/her throughout the remainder of the 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 have an opportunity to meet with your son/daughter's subject teachers at our Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 12 January 2012. Our Year 8 Next Step Targets Report will be shared with parents in April 2012, before your son/daughter moves into Year 9 in June 2012.

We look forward to seeing you in January 2012. However, should you have any concerns about your child's progress in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email his/her subject teacher or contact our Key Stage 3 team.

Yours sincerely

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