

8 November 2019

**Letter to All Year 9 Parents**

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re Year 9 Interim Review**

I am pleased to enclose your son/daughter’s first Year 9 interim review. This forms part of our cycle of reporting over Key Stage 3 and reflects the progress he/she has made following his/her Year 8 next steps targets report in May 2019 and his/her transition into Year 9 in June 2019.

All grades are based on the 9-1 numerical GCSE grades, incorporating split grades, so a low grade 3 would be a 3/2, a middle grade 3 would be a 3, and a high grade 3 would be a 3/4, for example. For your information we have included the distribution of assessment grades awarded by subject so you can see where your child’s grade fits in with the rest of the year group.

We would be very grateful if you could talk to your son/daughter about his/her grades and reflect on his/her strengths. His/her teachers will be reflecting on these assessments and using this data to provide advice and guidance, further challenge and support.

**Interim Report – codes explained**

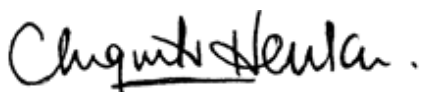
In addition to the grades awarded by your son/daughter’s teachers, the report also has feedback about effort, homework and behaviour. These are marked as EX (Excellent), GO (Good) or NI (Needs Improvement). Where the homework grade is blank it means the subject does not set homework (eg: Core PE). The descriptors for these grades are tabled below:

<b>Grade Descriptors</b>			
<b>Area</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>
Effort	Is consistently... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged in all aspects of the lesson</li> <li>Prepared for learning</li> <li>Thirsty for knowledge</li> <li>Working well in groups as well as independently</li> </ul>	Is mostly... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged in all aspects of the lesson</li> <li>Prepared for learning</li> <li>Thirsty for knowledge</li> <li>Working well in groups as well as independently</li> </ul>	Is rarely... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged in all aspects of the lesson</li> <li>Prepared for learning</li> <li>Thirsty for knowledge</li> <li>Working well in groups as well as independently</li> </ul>
Behaviour	Always... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cooperate and ready to learn</li> <li>has a positive attitude</li> <li>properly equipped for the lesson</li> <li>promotes learning and supports teaching</li> </ul>	Mostly... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cooperate and ready to learn</li> <li>has a positive attitude</li> <li>properly equipped for the lesson</li> <li>promotes learning and supports teaching</li> </ul>	Rarely... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cooperate and ready to learn</li> <li>has a positive attitude</li> <li>properly equipped for the lesson</li> <li>promotes learning and supports teaching</li> </ul>
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistently meets the deadlines</li> <li>Going above and beyond in effort when working on homework tasks (very high levels of detail and well-presented)</li> <li>Thorough use of time when completing homework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mostly meets the deadlines</li> <li>Homework is completed to a good standard (sufficient detail and well-presented)</li> <li>Good use of time when completing homework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sometimes fails to meet deadlines</li> <li>Completed to an insufficient standard (is rushed or lacks detail)</li> <li>Insufficient time is spent completing the homework</li> </ul>

As you are aware, Year 9 is an important year. Our Key Stage 4 Curriculum Evening on Thursday 23 January 2020 will provide you and your son/daughter with information about the options open to them in Years 10 and 11. This will be complemented by our Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 6 February 2020. All Year 9 pupils will complete formal assessments in the core subjects, English, Maths and Science in March and we strongly recommend that all pupils prepare for these exams by beginning their revision now.

You may find it useful to refer to this report and your son/daughter's second interim review which will be issued on 24 January 2020 to help you prioritise which teachers you would like to see in February. Our final Year 9 report will be shared with parents in early May 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact specific teachers by email where you have concerns about your son/daughter's progress or Mrs Lang, Head of School, if you have any questions about our assessment framework.

Yours sincerely



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Subject	Grade 0/1, 1/0, 1	Grade 1/2, 2/1, 2	Grade 2/3, 3/2, 3	Grade 3/4, 4/3, 4	Grade 4/5, 5/4, 5	Grade 5/6, 6/5, 6
Art		10	95	67	5 or less	
Design		6	80	88	5 or less	
Drama		12	90	62	12	
English		27	88	56	6	
French		5 or less	41	48	9	
Geography	5 or less	47	68	47	12	
German			40	43	11	
History	5 or less	46	82	45	5 or less	
IT		6	72	96	5 or less	
Maths	7	30	87	47	6	
Music		13	104	50	10	
PE - Rugby			11	39		
PE - Basketball			33	3		
PE - Netball	5 or less		5	43	11	
PE - HRE			7	21	5 or less	
RP	5 or less	5 or less	42	83	35	11
Science		5 or less	48	72	41	14
Spanish		5 or less	25	30	5 or less	5 or less