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Letter to all Parents/Guardians of Year 11

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Year 11 End of Key Stage 4 Report

I am pleased to announce that your son/daughter's Year 11 Final Written Report is now available on the My Child at School (MCAS) parent portal under 'Reports and Correspondence' which can be accessed here: www.mychildatschool.com. If you do not have access to MCAS, please contact mcas@deerparkschool.net so we can help as necessary.

This report marks the end of our cycle of reporting over Key Stage 4 and reflects the progress he/she has made and areas to focus on ahead of the final GCSE examinations. The report also has feedback about effort. Grades for effort are shown as EX (Excellent), GO (Good), IN (Inconsistent) and CFC (Cause for Concern), with further details of the grade descriptors and clarification regarding the grades and codes within the report provided overleaf.

This final report contains helpful guidance for your son/daughter about how he/she can prepare for his/her upcoming GCSE examinations. We would be very grateful if you could talk to your son/daughter about his/her grades and reflect on his/her strengths. Where necessary, we ask you to focus especially on any significant gaps between his/her forecast and target grades and what he/she needs to do to close them.

All Year 11 pupils should be revising regularly outside of lessons and we hope that pupils have taken time to plan their revision, using a revision timetable that works for them. Faculties have been providing pupils with revision resources, either as a paper copy or via SMHW/Teams. There are also additional revision sessions held after school being provided by subject teachers. Details of these are published on our website. Pupils should speak to their classroom teacher if they feel that they need more resources to support their preparation for their GCSE exams in the coming weeks.

We wish all of our Year 11 pupils every success with their exams this summer and for the future.

Yours sincerely



Richard Clutterbuck
Headteacher

Written Report – codes explained

The Year 11 End of Key Stage 4 report has Forecast Grades from Year 11, which are the teacher's assessment of the grade the pupil will achieve in the GCSE examinations if they continue to work at their current level. This report also shows their mock exam results

In Key Stage 4 attainment is expressed either as a GCSE grade 9-1 or Applied Qualification grades which are as shown in the table below:

Abbreviation	Applied Qualification Grade	Abbreviation	Applied Qualification Grade
DN*	Distinction *	DN	Distinction
ME	Merit	PA	Pass
L1	Level 1	L2	Level 2
NYC	Not yet complete due to insufficient assessed work completed at this stage		

For the purposes of the report, the GCSE Forecast Grades are further divided into 'fine' grades, so a 7/8 would be a high 7 for example.

The 'Target Grades' are the externally produced targets based on prior attainment that is an estimate of the best potential grade the pupil could achieve by the end of Key Stage 4. These are the grades he/she should be aiming to achieve or exceed. They are not a ceiling for achievement.

In addition to the grades awarded by your son/daughter's teachers, the report also has feedback about effort. This is marked as EX (Excellent), GO (Good), IN (Inconsistent) and CFC (Cause for Concern). The descriptors for these grades are tabled below:

Excellent (EX)	This is for pupils who go beyond our expectations of what is reasonably required of them on a day-to-day basis. It is reserved for those who drive forward their own learning and do all they can to support and encourage the learning of others.
Good (GO)	This is for pupils who, consistently and without exception, do all that is expected of them in regard to the given criteria.
Inconsistent (IN)	This is for pupils who in the main do what is expected of them, but fail to do so consistently: there are still areas where they can make improvements.
Cause for Concern (CFC)	This indicates that there are some significant concerns that need to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Helpful resources:

- www.senecalearning.com/en-GB/
- www.getrevising.co.uk/
- MS Teams and SMHW, where teachers have been sharing classroom resources
- BBC GCSE Bitesize
- Exam Boards websites for past papers and answers, please refer to the School Website/Parents/Exams and scroll down to 'Useful Links'.