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Dear Parent/ Carer

Changes to Assessment, Recording and Reporting – September 2022

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to update you on the changes to our Assessment, Recording and Reporting procedures for September 2022 for all students.

Following consultation with staff, students, and parents there are considerable changes in all year groups. Further information will follow in the new academic year at our Information Evenings, along with guidance prior to tracking points in the Autumn Term.

Assessment windows

Students will continue to be tracked at regular intervals throughout the academic year in the form of tracking points (TPs). Each TP will reflect an examination window, where a student sits a formal assessment in every subject. There will continue to be 3 TPs in Years 7 – 9, and 4 TPs in Years 10 - 13.

Students will continue to have United Learning Assessments in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, MFL and Religion and Philosophy. These will now be accompanied by classroom-based examinations in all subject areas.

Grading

All students will now receive a grade at each TP only. This grade will be based purely on the result from the assessment in the assessment window. Each grade is sub levelled (e.g. 2+, 2, 2-) and is accompanied by an average grade for the year.

For example:

Assessment window 1 (TP1)	Assessment window 2 (TP2)	Assessment window 3 (TP3)	Average
3+	2-	3-	2+

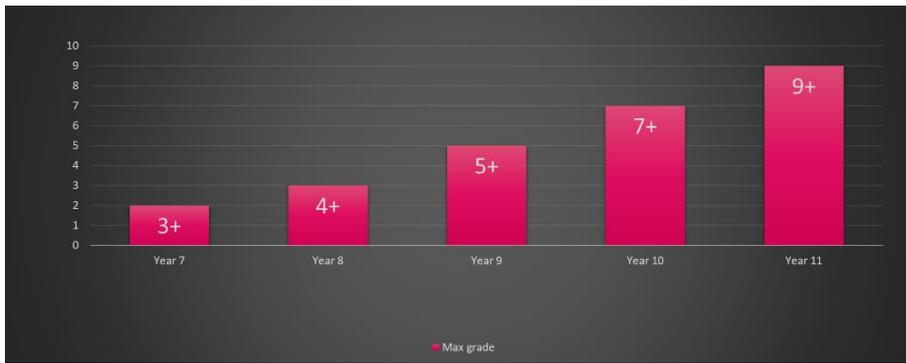
Each year group will have a total grade they can receive, which will give an indication as to how each student may perform later in their education. Each assessment will also be cumulative – it will test students on a range of topics taught across the year to give us an accurate understanding of their overall performance.

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For example, a student who receives a 3+ in Year 7, followed by a 4+ in Year 8 is *very likely* to receive a top grade in that subject at GCSE.

Please note that there is no change in the grading system at KS5, but they will receive a grade in each window rather than by exam component.

Attitude to Learning (A2L)

Teachers will continue to report on students' attitude to learning. Student A2L scores have now been broken down into 4 elements:

- Classwork
- Homework
- Prepared for Learning
- Behaviour for Learning

Teachers will give students a score for each category. As a parent, you will see these scores, along with an average A2L score. This will give you a much better insight into any areas for development and how to best support your child in their learning.

We will continue to analyse this A2L data, celebrating with those who continuously conduct themselves in an outstanding manner, and supporting those who may need further intervention.

Reports

Reports will only include the following information:

- Attendance and lates
- TP grade
- Average grade
- A2L score

As stated previously, there are some considerable changes in all year groups, and this will be different to our current system. However, this ensures that students and parents understand how they are progressing in each subject and their potential progression across the years.

More information will be available to you in September via Information Evenings and through our website. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss any element of this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Standards