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Dear Parent

The past year has provided the school community with a range of challenges never experienced before. Students have adapted to remote education, learning in bubbles and catching up on gaps that may have emerged during the first lockdown. They have shown resilience, focus and determination, which gives us confidence and optimism for where they will be in twelve months' time as they begin their GCSE examinations. They deserve great credit!

This point in the year provides an opportunity to reflect on your child's achievement to date and also consider what practical steps you can take to support them in their journey to academic excellence.

### **Student Reports**

Your child's report is now accessible on Go4Schools. It provides a snapshot of their progress and attainment to date, across the subjects that they have opted to take qualifications in.

To support you in understanding the key information included, our guide to reports can be accessed here: [Student Targets and Reports Tutorial](#).

Please take the time to read through this information with your child and raise any questions that arise with the school.

In the week ahead students will also review their reports in form time. They will be asked to reflect on their strengths and areas they would like to improve. This may be in relation to any number of aspects of success, for example mindset, attitudes to learning, a specific subject or attendance.

### **GCSE Update**

I know that many parents and students will be thinking about potential adaptations to courses as a result of the disruption this year. I wanted to take a moment to update you on the current position. As of now, the government has made no significant adaptations to Key Stage 4 qualifications. The intention is that students will continue to cover the full content of their courses and sit examinations at the end of Year 11 to demonstrate what they know, understand and can do. With this in mind, it is essential that students continue to focus on all aspects of their studies – particularly opportunities to revise and review learning from the past 12 months.

As they move into their final year, the academy's focus will be on providing the guidance and support to both students and parents to ensure that they achieve their full potential and move on to great success in Further Education and future careers.

## Additional Resources

In addition to your child's report, you can also find additional guidance on each subject below. Curriculum and course leaders have prepared these 'Snapshot Guides to Achievement' to remind students of what they should know, what they will learn, what support is available, and some tips for raising achievement. Please click on the relevant subject to access each resource.

<a href="#">English Language</a>	<a href="#">English Literature</a>	<a href="#">Mathematics</a>	<a href="#">Science</a>
<a href="#">Geography</a>	<a href="#">German</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">Art</a>
<a href="#">Catering</a>	<a href="#">Dance</a>	<a href="#">Drama</a>	<a href="#">Engineering</a>
<a href="#">Enterprise</a>	<a href="#">Health and Social Care</a>	<a href="#">Photography</a>	<a href="#">Sport</a>
<a href="#">Travel and Tourism</a>		<a href="#">Attendance</a>	

Finally, I wanted to emphasise the significant role that you will play in the achievement of your child over the next year. Our expectations of students throughout their studies will remain high, with the motive that hard work and commitment will be the weightiest contributors to success. Every student will receive the help they need to manage this level of challenge, but it is only with your support that we can truly ensure that all students leave with the outcomes and life opportunities they deserve.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time, should you have any questions relating to your child's education or achievement.

Yours faithfully



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