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Dear Year 7, 8, 9 Parents

Over the next few weeks, I wanted to provide you with a series of emails to help you support your son or daughters progress. Earlier in the week, I shared with you how you can find out what your son or daughter is learning at school. Today's email is to help you understand how well they are doing in their learning.

Understanding important terms used

- **Current Attainment Level** is the level a student achieves on a piece of work or test which is assessed against set assessment criteria, these are aligned to the National Curriculum and the knowledge and skills the student have been taught and developed in their lessons
- **Target level** is the level we have set as the most appropriate target level for your son or daughter for this academic year, this is based on CATS, NGRT tests, and where appropriate Key Stage 2 results and prior learning. This is reviewed annually so you may see this go up if prior learning and attainment in a year suggest the target needs to be increased to provide further stretch.
- **Projected level** is the level that the subject teacher thinks the students is most likely to get at the end of the year based on their learning in class, assessments, homework and engagement in learning.

How do I know what my son or daughter has learnt and been assessed on to get the current level?

- Check the Curriculum overviews on the website to see the topics studied
- Look at the assessment matrices on the website to see what skills and knowledge they have demonstrated in their assessment

What should my son or daughter be achieving as a current or projected level?

- We do not have an expected level that all students need to reach as all students are individuals with different starting points and experiences
- Students learn and make progress at different rates
- A student's current levels may vary over time as we all do better in some topics and assessments than in other .



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- The end of year Projected level is the level to focus on as a parent this is where their learning will reach at the end of the academic year.
- We have high expectations for students' progress and set stretch targets for the progress students will make so that they make maximum progress during Years 7-9 in preparation for their GCSE's

What is good progress?

- If your son or daughter's projected level is the same as their target level this is good progress and you should be proud of how well your son or daughter is doing
- If your son or daughters projected, level exceeds their target level this is exceptional progress and may lead to their target level being increased at the start of the next academic year.

When should I be concerned?

- If your son or daughters projected level is below their target level, if this is the case please contact your son or daughters subject teacher to discuss how we can work together to support their progress.

Do the Key Stage 3 levels link to GCSE grades?

- No, they are completely separate as the Key Stage 3 Curriculum is aligned to the National Curriculum which although it prepares students for their GCSE courses it has a completely different set of learning descriptors and assessment criteria for the skills and knowledge a student's displays.

When picking GCSE options subjects how do I know how well my son or daughter may do in a subject if they picked it for GCSE ?

- Teachers will share the content and assessment elements of GCSE courses with students as part of the options process
- Teachers will share with students what their estimated target grade for GCSE would be based on prior learning and progress and engagement in learning for each subject

I hope this has been helpful for you, on each Attainment Report we provide a covering letter to remind you of the terms we are using within the reports to help you as a Parents to be well



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informed to discuss your son or daughters learning and progress with them. We will also provide a guide within the Parents area on the website so you are able to access it at any time you may need to.

Thank you for the interest you pay in your son and daughters learning and discussing with them how well they are doing at school this helps us to work in partnership to ensure your son or daughter is highly successful in their learning.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Cullen
Headteacher

