

Dear Parents / Carers

Please find enclosed your child's first data report, you will receive 5 data reports this academic year. We have worked hard across the curriculum to ensure that assessments are accurate and that the report you receive is meaningful at this stage. From Christmas 2016 the report will also include a 'what pupils need to do next comment' to help them progress.

Within departments, we have aligned all our schemes of work to match the National Curriculum, therefore raising the expectations considerably.

All of the pupils are measured according to 'age related expectation'. This has been in place for Year 5 and 6 for some time now, and we have decided to roll this into Years 7 and 8 this year. Each year group and subject therefore have assessment maps that we use to deduce whether pupils are working towards (WT), 'at' (AT), or 'above' (AB) this expectation.

As there have only been six weeks of teaching and learning so far this year, you may find that your child has more subjects at 'working towards' rather than 'at'. This is due to the realignment to the more challenging national curriculum expectations. We plan to see the pupils' ability to meet these expectations to begin to appear by Christmas.

Pupils have also received an attitude to learning grade for each subject: A, B or C. A is where the pupil is demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning, and show high standards of behaviour in the classroom; B is where the pupil is showing a good attitude to learning and on the whole has behaved well in class; C shows that the pupil is not demonstrating the expected attitude to learning, and has experienced some difficulty in behaving in the appropriate way in class.

In liaison with the Heads of Year, where pupils have received three or more C grades for their attitude to learning, they will be placed on a monitoring report with their tutor at the beginning of next half term. Where the attitude to learning is poor for five subjects, the pupil will be on monitoring report to the Head of Year after half term.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to talk with your child about the enclosed report and have a good look at his/her books at the same time. If you have any further questions concerning your child's report, please contact the tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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