



NRC/JAE

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Reports

I hope that this communication finds you all well. We would usually have been far more welcoming around inviting parents onto the site to meet the teachers. Sadly, due to COVID, we have been working within the parameters of risk assessments to keep everybody safe and limit potential outbreaks. On a positive note, we did have our Year 11 Parents' Evening this week in school and face-to-face. Our aim is for this to now continue with all future events.

When I sent the previous report home in November, I expressed how impressed both Mr Shaul and I had been with how this cohort had settled. As we are now more than halfway through the year, we both continue to be delighted with the progress that students are making. Recently, we have been able to commence year group assemblies together in the main hall and this has enabled Mr Shaul to celebrate success and speak to the students as a year group. I will also state that the attendance of this year group is high, well above the current National figure. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain this.

I am pleased to include a copy of your child's achievement information.

The report provides you with information about both attainment and effort for each subject. The effort grade is the most important in Year 7 because, if students are putting in as much effort as possible, they will improve and make progress.

The attainment grade is based on 'Age Related Expectations' (AREs). Students will receive one of 3 grades; Higher (H), Expected (E) or Working Towards (WT). Each subject has a clear criteria that they apply to assess each student using all the evidence that we have available. This includes unit tests, book and classwork and their verbal answers in lessons. Please refer to the information included for further detail.

The effort grade has been completed by each teacher considering the 3 descriptors based around the school vision of being a **successful learner**, a **confident individual** and a **responsible citizen**. There is a criteria that links to learning and the effort that the student consistently demonstrates. This information regarding the criteria is on the actual report sheet. Each overall effort grade is out of 15.

15-13 Excellent/12-9 Good/8-3 Needs to improve.

12-9 is where we would expect most students to be achieving. If they are above good, they have been consistently doing more than is expected of them in most lessons. If they are below the 9, they need to make an improvement and quickly.

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For more information on curriculum content, please refer to the school website.

If you would like further communication to discuss anything highlighted in the report, please contact the relevant class teacher by email. All teacher email addresses are on the school website.

Yours sincerely

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