



Our Ref: JAC/ALS/HMH

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 11

The Government has made changes to the way GCSE exams are assessed. These are explained in the enclosed document. In summary Year 11 students will receive:

- new grades 1-9 for most GCSEs
- A\*- G for Media Studies; ICT and Resistant Materials
- Pass, Merit or Distinction for BTEC subjects.

The report will show, in each subject, how well your child is progressing towards our high expectations. Teachers have given a Working at Grade to enable us to see the progress being made towards their target grade.

The Report will enable parents and teachers to identify when students fall behind our expectations and allow us all to help them to get back on track.

You should also look carefully at the ETRICs, especially the Effort column. ETRICs is judged excellent, good, variable and concern. We are no longer using satisfactory. There may be cases where effort is good or excellent but progress is not yet at expected or exceptional. Regular marking and feedback from teachers in the form of EBIs (Even Better Ifs) will have already indicated to the students where they can improve their progress.

Please contact me at the school should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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