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Dear Year 7 Parents/Carers,

Following my letter to you earlier this week, I wanted to let you know that the year 7 reports were sent via email yesterday. As this is the first report of the year, we will also be providing a paper copy which your child should bring home by the end of the week.

I would like to clarify some of the aspects for you:

- Students are assessed on GCSE Assessment Objectives – these are called AOs. Only some of the AOs will have been assessed so far, so some boxes may be blank. The next report you receive in the summer term will include all of them.
- All AOs are assessed using GCSE criteria and the new grading system of 9-1 where 9 is the highest and 1 is the lowest. This replaced A\*-U grades. A dash is used if your child has not yet achieved the grade 1 criteria.
- Students have been focusing on English Language, so have not completed an English Literature assessment yet.
- The mastery average is the average overall grade your child is working at based on all the AOs combined (please bear in mind they have not all been assessed yet).
- Although the philosophy around the new assessment strategy is about making progress each time and removing ceilings of achievement, we understand that some parents would like to know whether their child is meeting expectations or not, and so there is a column which shows your child's Minimum Expectations called MEs (target grades) to be achieved by the end of year 7, which are based on Key Stage 2 results.
- Please compare the ME with the mastery average to understand if your child is making good progress or not.
- All the assessment grids are available on our website (Parents/Assessments) so you can support your child in moving up to the next box.

Please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance, if you would like to discuss the report. Alternatively, if it is a subject query, then please contact the relevant teacher. You can do this via our website (contact, contact a teacher).

I would be interested in your views on our new assessment and reporting system and so would be grateful if you could complete a short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/reportingyear7> This will remain open until 9am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,



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