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Dear Year 8 Parent/Carer,

Update on our New Reports

All year 8 students received their new style report in form time on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, and they should have brought this home for you to see. Further to my letter to you explaining the new reports dated 16th October (available on our website), I would like to clarify some of the new 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. The next report you receive in January 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.
- 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 therefore we will send you their Minimum Expectations called MEs (target grades) next week, which are based on Key Stage 2 results.
- Students will be having a special assembly on Wednesday to ensure they understand how they are assessed and how the new reports work.
- 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.

I would be interested in your views on our new assessment and reporting system and so will be sending you a short survey to complete in the coming half term.

I would also like to remind you that the next report will be sent to you electronically, so please contact the school to add/amend your preferred email address.

Yours sincerely,

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