



18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at our recent 'meet the tutor' evening and we really appreciate receiving your feedback via the parent surveys. We will provide you with the findings when it has been fully analysed.

The meet the tutor evening is part of our changes to the assessment procedures and improvements to parent evenings this academic year following on from the feedback we received last year.

Pupils have already met their academic mentors and have been informed of the process. They have shared their opinions and have set themselves some clear targets for improvement.

Every term class teachers' will submit a working grade for each student they teach. This will enable the school, students and parent/carers to track the progress being made over the course of the year and through the new 'meet your mentor' evening. Before the evening students will have the opportunity to complete a personal reflection sheet, including their grades, celebrate their achievements to date and add some personal targets to improve their performance. This will form the starting point of the discussions on the mentor evening.

On the evening itself the primary purpose of the fifteen minute meeting with yourself, student and mentor will be to identify what your child needs to do to make rapid progress throughout the academic year. This will involve looking at the latest progress report and negotiating a set of targets, which will enable them to build on their achievements over the course of the year. Exercise books will be available on the evening to give you the opportunity to see first hand the work completed in class by your child.

We value your cooperation and the support you give to your child in helping them to make rapid and sustained progress each year. We also believe that developing this relationship with your child's academic mentor and offering you the chance to have your input in discussing their progress and targets will have a very positive effect.

We very much want parents to be able to approach the school about concerns with their child's performance and do not want parents to wait for a parent's evening. Please remember when doing so in the first instance to contact the form tutor for any pastoral concerns and contact the subject teacher for any subject concerns.

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Finally, I would like to share with you our up-to-date progress 8 score for the GCSE results. With the vast majority of re-marks now completed I am delighted to share that our P8 score is 0.24. This equates to, on average, every child in every subject make a quarter of a grade more than expected.

I hope you have an excellent half term break. Pupils should return on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Evason', with a small flourish at the end.

Mr I Evason  
**Principal**