

3rd January 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 10 Progress Evening – Thursday 11th January 2018

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 11th January** at the Year 10 Progress Evening when subject teachers will meet with students and their parents/carers. This is a vital opportunity for you to discuss your child's current progress. You will also receive your child's first GCSE grade sheet. This is the earliest indicator to see how they have settled into this most important two-year period. The report format will look familiar but the most important aspects will be the effort score and current forecast grade. Traditional A*-G grades have now been replaced by a numerical system that score students on a scale from 9-1. The new GCSE courses are more challenging than ever, with all the exams set at the end of Year 11. Grade 9 will be reserved for the very top tier of Y11 students nationally. The courses and exams have been changed to ensure that young people have the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the 21st Century. The new GCSEs will ensure that students leave school better prepared for work or further study. They cover more challenging content and are designed to match standards in the strongest performing education systems elsewhere in the world. More information will be provided with the grade sheet to help you understand your son / daughter's report.

The evening begins at 5.30pm and appointments are available until 8.30pm. Students will be issued with their appointment sheets and will book appointments in the usual way. Please ensure your son / daughter has made all of their appointments prior to the evening. Please sign below to acknowledge receipt of this letter; tutors will be expecting every one of their Year 10 students to return the reply slip **by Monday 8th January**.

We expect every child and their parent/carer to be at this very important evening. In the 'commitment by parents/carers' section of the Home/School Agreement, you have signed to say that you agree to:-

'...attend all parent meetings...'

We very much look forward to your attendance on Thursday 11th January, we expect students to attend in full school uniform.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Jane Herron
Head of School



*Please return this slip to Mrs Runnegar-Clark via Tutor **by Monday 8th January***

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Child's Name:

Tutor Group:

I / We confirm that we have received the letter and that I / we will be attending parents evening.

Signed Parent /Carer_____ Print Name_____