



12th November 2018

Dear Parent /Carer,

Your son/daughter has received an updated subject target sheet this half term, and we wanted to explain the reasons for this revision of targets and a little about how we devise students subject targets this year.

All student targets are a minimum expected grade of performance, this is the grade your child should be able to achieve in a specific subject based on similar ability students across the country. We use the department of education data analysis of key stage two results and expected progress over the 5 years with us to come up with a target in a subject for your child. The department of education update these projections each year once all the GCSE results have been analysed, hence the updated targets.

We also use a target setting system, which most schools use, called FFT Aspire which gives added value to students projections, but also accommodates students with wide ranging needs and these are reflected in the targets which could be higher or lower.

Targets are just that, a targeted projection, any child can exceed a target and any child could fall short of their target, in some subjects. It is not a grade we limit a child to, as we expect them to aim for the highest grade they can in everything they do. We also ask the students to set themselves an aspirational target in the subjects they take, which must be on or above their minimum target to encourage aspiration and high personal expectations in our students.

If you have any more questions or concerns about your child's targets please feel free to contact me via e-mail or in person. I am hosting a drop-in session in the school library on Wednesday 21st November from 4.30pm to 6.00pm in which I can try to answer any of your questions personally.

Yours sincerely,

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