

DCW/LR  
13<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parent/ Carer

**Year 10 Progress Evening, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 4.30-6.30 pm**

I would like to invite you to school to meet your son/daughter's subject teachers. It is really important that you attend this evening if at all possible. Not only is it an excellent opportunity to discuss their progress with teachers face to face but also to ask questions you may have with regard to the new GCSE grading and new specifications.

As you may be aware GCSE English and Maths from this year will be graded under the new 9-1 scale as opposed to the traditional A\*-G which we are familiar with. Most GCSE subjects for Year 10 will be graded using this new system with a few still having the traditional A\*-G for the last time. The majority of subjects are also now awarded grades or numbers based on exam assessment only. This requires students to learn, recall and apply their subject knowledge in externally set formal exams. In the past coursework has contributed to a large proportion of students final grades but will no longer exist for new GCSEs with the exception of subjects like Art.

We are running an appointment system for the 'Year 10 Progress Evening' – your son/daughter should approach the teachers you wish to see on our return and arrange a mutually convenient time which should then be recorded on the appointments' sheet your child will receive from their tutor.

You will have received your child's most recent progress report for this term. It is useful for you to use this as a starting point for discussions about how your son/daughter is progressing so far at GCSE. Effort scores are a good indication of performance in and outside of the classroom. These discussions will help inform you who you may wish to make appointments to see.

I look forward to meeting you on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

Yours faithfully

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Dave Walton  
Pastoral Raising Achievement Leader  
Year 10

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**Year 10 Parents' Evening**

Student: ..... Tutor Group: .....

**I shall/shall not** be attending the Parents' Evening on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Signed: ..... (Parent/Carer)