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Dear Parent,

I hope you had a pleasant summer and that your child is starting the academic year refreshed and keen to study.

Our assessment weeks feed into the period grades that are published twice a term. The course of study is broken down into topics taught through each half term. The assessments run during assessment week are end of topic tests or a small in-class project on which recent learning is evaluated. It is important that pupils are not absent during assessment week, dates of which are in the calendar. The period grade is an outcome of that assessment and it may include a percentage of preps done for that topic.

Consequently, period grades may fluctuate and they inform us which topics the pupil has understood well and which they are less secure in. They are not predictions of final year grades, but a trend can be discerned. For example, a pupil in Year 8 will have 5 period grades at the end of the academic year, which may be as follows:

PG1	PG2	PG3	PG4	PG5
B3	B4	D4	C4	B5

The above indicates that topics covered in Lent, PG3 and PG4, are the weakest topics and that work will need greater revision time when preparing for end of year exams. We use this assessment data to track progress period by period and where there is a dip, pupils may attend subject clinics. You will be notified when period grades are ready to view and can do so through the Parents' Portal.

The summary on the next page sets out the criteria for period grades.

Yours sincerely,

S.V. Pritt-Roberts



Lower School Period Grades:

Year 7 and 8

Achievement:

NC Levels:	Core Subjects:	English	a	b	c	d	e
		Maths	6	5	4	3	WB
		Science	7b	6b	5b	4b	3b
	Foundation subjects:		6	5	4	3	WB
			7	6	5	4	WB

Year 6

Achievement:

NC Levels:	a	b	c	d	e
	5a/b/c	4a/4b	4c/3a	3b/c	WB

Year 5

Achievement:

NC Levels:	a	b	c	d	e
	4a/b	4c/3a	3b/c	2a/b/c	WB

Year 4/3

Achievement:

Year 4 NC Levels:	a	b	c	d	e
	4b/c	3a/b	3c/2a	2b/c	WB

Effort: All Lower School

5 – Very Good 4 – Good 3 – Satisfactory 2 – Below Expectations 1 – Serious Concern

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