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Dear Parent/Carer

**New Assessment Grading Schemes for Students in Years 7, 8 and 9**

The college has devised new assessment grading schemes for students in years 7, 8 and 9 with 3 sub levels. This is to allow students who are below the level of grade 1 (or equivalent BTEC grade) to receive a grade in their assessments and reports and be monitored accordingly. When students reach year 10 they will move across to the official qualification grading schemes where there are no sub levels. The sub level definitions are as follows:

I (Introducing)	The learner is made aware of/experiences a new skill/concept and requires full support to achieve/complete associated tasks.
D (Developing)	The learner is able to tackle associated tasks with some independence but may require some light touch support. Outcomes may contain errors.
F (Functional)	The learner has been able to complete associated tasks by using and applying skills/concepts without support and capable of accessing GCSE content.

Subjects that have 1-9 grades will include the sub levels mentioned above and use the following grading scheme I, D, F, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

This year we have introduced BTEC grades for Dance, PE, Music and Food Tech to prepare students for BTEC options and pathways in the future. Subjects that have BTEC grades will also include the sub levels mentioned and use grading schemes as shown below:

**Dance and PE**

I, D, F, Level 1 Pass, Level 1 Merit, Level 1 Distinction, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Distinction, Level 2 Distinction\*

**Music and Food Tech**

I, D, F, Level 1 Pass, Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit, Level 2 Distinction, Level 2 Distinction\*

If you have any queries, please contact the college.

Yours sincerely

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