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RE: Student Progress, Reports and Parents' Evenings 2021-2022

To: All Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of the approach that is taken by Denton Community College with regards to the setting of student targets, grading schemes and reports. I hope that this information will help you in supporting your child as they progress from Year 7 to Year 11.

Targets

Rather than set a target grade that may provide too little or too much challenge for your child, we provide a National Average Grade (NAG). This NAG is based on the average grade in different subjects for children across the country with a particular Key Stage 2 (KS2) score. We will then report whether your child's progress is above, in line with or below this grade. These grades, therefore, do not cap a child's potential, but allows them to assess their own progress compared to similar children nationally.

Key Stage 3 (Year 7, 8 & 9)	National Average Grade is the grade the child is expected to achieve at the end of Year 9
Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11)	National Average Grade is the grade the child is expected to achieve at the end of Year 11

Progress

At the end of each term, a Progress Report will be generated for your child. As part of this report, your child's teacher will provide:

- a record of your child's current progress towards their NAG as either Above, On or Below Target.
- an Attitude to Learning Grade of 1 to 4 (1 Highest to 4 Lowest)
- an engagement with Home Learning Grade of 1 to 4 (1 Highest to 4 Lowest)

Key Stage 4 (KS4) students will also receive an Average Current Attainment Grade so that they can compare this to their NAG.

Grading Schemes

Key Stage 3 (KS3) subjects will use grades 1 to 9 with an additional 3 sub levels (I, D & F) below grade 1 to enable all students to demonstrate the progress they are making. The highest grade a student is expected to attain by the end of KS3 is a grade 7.

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.

KS4 subjects will follow grades set by the official exam boards. Depending on the subject, the grades awarded will either be 1 to 9 or the vocational grades (Pass, Merit & Distinction). At the end of KS4, the highest grades students are able to attain are a grade 9 in traditional GCSE subjects and a Level 2 Distinction* in vocational subjects.

Reports

In addition to the Progress Reports already mentioned, your child will receive one Written Report each academic year. We will publish all Progress Reports on the Go 4 Schools website and post home hard copies of Written Reports.

For parents and carers who are new to the College, we use Go 4 Schools to record student progress, attainment and behaviour. Provided you have parental responsibility and your email is registered with the college, you have access to all online Progress Reports for your child. Go 4 Schools can be accessed via the College website in the Parent/Carer section. We do not currently use the Go 4 Schools app.

Report Dates

We will aim to issue reports on the following dates:

Progress Reports for all year groups	Thursday 16th December 2021
	Thursday 7th April 2022
	Thursday 14th July 2022 (Except Year 11)

Progress Reports for all year groups	Friday 29th April 2022
	Friday 28th January 2022
	Friday 10th June 2022
	Friday 18th March 2022
	Thursday 21st July 2022 (To support Post-16 enrolment)

Parents' Evenings

In addition to the reporting cycle, parents and carers will also be invited to a Parents' Evening for your child. These evenings will continue to be hosted through our virtual platform 'School Cloud' for this academic year (2021/22). The details for each evening will be communicated to parents & carers closer to the calendared date.

Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday 9th December 2021
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 28th April 2022
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 3rd February 2022
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 30th June 2022
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 9th June 2022

Please note that all dates provided in this letter are also available on the Denton Community College calendar, which can be accessed via our website or this [link](#).

Should you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours sincerely



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