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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are safe and well.

Our students continue to progress very well during the summer term, demonstrating a very positive attitude.

I wanted to let you know that all Parents/Carers of children in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 will be sent an **Achievement 2 report** in the next couple of weeks to update them fully on their child's progress. As with the Achievement 1 report that we sent to you in January/February 2021, this report will outline your child's achievement in each subject area, as well as outlining an 'effort and attitude' grade for all subjects.

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021**, we will also be having a '**Progress Day**' for all students in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12. On this day, all Parents/Carers will be invited to attend a remote meeting with their child's Form Tutor at a suitable time during this day, where they will be able to discuss their child's progress across all subjects in school, as well as receive a pastoral/holistic update on how their child is progressing at St Mary's. The Achievement 2 report will help to inform discussions during the Progress Day. Your child's Form Tutor knows your son/daughter very well and, as well as discussing subject achievement, they will also be able to discuss your child's contribution to the school more widely, including their contribution to the form group and to any extra-curricular activities they have been involved with this year. Teachers are looking forward to these meetings and to ensure that as many Parents/Carers are able to attend these meetings as possible, we will be offering appointments both during the school day and after normal school hours. This meeting, complemented by the Achievement 2 written report, will provide parents with an excellent picture of their child's achievement before the end of the school year.

More details will follow regarding this Progress Day from Miss Lague, Director of Student Support, but for your early information, on this day students will be able to either complete high quality work provided for them at home or alternatively, parents will be able to choose to send their children into school as normal. We will have an amended school timetable in place on this day for any students who attend school, led by teachers who are not involved in the Progress Day. Therefore, no learning time will be lost. We very much look forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

Furthermore, as you will know, the national situation regarding COVID-19 has seen a significant increase in the number of positive cases across the country and indeed, in Newcastle upon Tyne. We have seen the impact of this in school, with a rise in student positive cases in the last 3 weeks. The majority of these cases were during May half-term and therefore, they have thankfully resulted in few close contacts in school. Whilst there has certainly been an increase from previous weeks, positive cases in school are still relatively low overall. However, we are aware of significant COVID-19 outbreaks in several other local secondary schools and therefore, we maintain very robust health and safety routines in school. We would also ask parents and students to continue to ensure full adherence to all current health and safety guidance and measures. The new Delta variant is highly transmissible and we must be very cautious and continue to do as much as possible, to try to avoid the spread of this variant in school. Thank you very much for your continued support with this.

Very best wishes,

Miss Patterson  
Headteacher