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Dear Parent/Carer January 2024

Please find enclosed your child's Mock Exam Results. These grades are based on the Mock Exams that took place in December. These exams were either full or sections from previously published real exam papers.

## **GCSE Grading Structure**

As mentioned in previous correspondence, a significant change that has taken place within education is that the traditional GCSE A\*-G grading structure has been replaced by a new nine-point scale (9-1) across all subjects.

## The new GCSE grades explained:

- Grade 9: top A\* performers; about half of the 6.8 per cent who got A\*s this year are likely to get it
- **Grade 8:** the rest of those who obtained A\* but did not qualify for a 9
- Grade 7: equivalent to an A grade pass
- **Grade 6:** equivalent to a top of existing B grade
- **Grade 5:** international benchmark, showing performance equaling that of students getting top-grade passes in high performing countries in international league tables. Equivalent to the top of a current C pass to a secure current B grade (Strong Pass)
- Grade 4: equivalent to the lower two thirds of a current C grade (Standard Pass)
- **Grade 3:** equivalent to a D grade
- **Grade 2:** equivalent to an E grade
- Grade 1: equivalent to grade F and G

## The BTEC grades explained:

- **D2\*:** equivalent to a GCSE grade 8.5
- **D2:** equivalent to a GCSE grade 7
- **M2:** equivalent to a GCSE grade 5.5
- **P2:** equivalent to a GCSE grade 4
- D1: equivalent to a GCSE grade 3
- **M1:** equivalent to a GCSE grade 2
- P1: equivalent to a GCSE grade 1.75

If you have any concerns or questions about any matters related to how your son/daughter's progress is tracked and reported, please don't hesitate to contact me on <a href="mailto:jkoltan@boteler.org.uk">jkoltan@boteler.org.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:your child's Class Teacher">your child's Class Teacher</a>. Yours faithfully

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