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Dear Parent/Carer

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Please find enclosed your child's final Current Mock Result for this academic year. The mock grade for this assessment window is based on the Mock Exams that took place in June. These exams were either full or sections from previously published real exam papers.

The current mock grade that has been awarded for each subject is the grade students are working at currently. Year 10 students have completed half of the two-year Key stage 4 curriculum and have developed their range of skills and knowledge as they have been exposed to more curriculum content. As students move into Year 11, the grades awarded should continue to increase acknowledging the greater curriculum coverage and application of knowledge.

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a significant change that has taken place within education is that the traditional GCSE A\*-G grading structure has been replaced by a new nine-point scale (9-1) across all subjects.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



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## **Attitude to Learning / Homework Grades**

For attitude to learning and homework your child will be given a grade from 1 to 5. An explanation how these grades are awarded can be found below.

### **Attitude to Learning (ATL)**

#### **1. Outstanding**

A student's attitude to learning is outstanding if they demonstrate mature and thoughtful behaviour that promotes a positive working environment with an attitude that is exemplary in all aspects of their work. They engage positively in all lessons and, in line with their ability, demonstrate consistently outstanding levels of commitment and dedication to the learning process.

#### **2. Good**

A student's attitude to learning is good if they contribute to making a good working environment. They are reliable, often show maturity and set high standards for others to follow equally well and make a consistently positive contribution during all lessons. They participate fully and engage readily both in independent and group work. They set a positive example for others to follow.

#### **3. Requires Improvement**

A student's attitude to learning requires improvement if, on a few occasions, they have demonstrated behaviour that may have a negative impact on their own and others learning. When challenged, a pupil responds appropriately to sanctions that have been imposed and generally shows acceptable levels of application during lessons. They are responsive to the support given by the class teacher and the promotion of a positive working environment.

#### **4. Inadequate**

A student's attitude to learning is inadequate when their behaviour is disappointing. This has a sustained negative impact on their progress and the learning of others and they do not respond to appropriate sanctions applied by the teacher. Engagement in lessons is minimal, despite positive teacher intervention, thus compromising the learning environment in the class.

### **Homework**

#### **1. Outstanding**

Homework is always submitted on time. Homework is neatly presented and completed to a high standard. They bring all necessary equipment to lessons.

#### **2. Good**

Homework is usually submitted on time. Homework is completed to a good standard. They bring the necessary equipment to most lessons.

#### **3. Requires Improvement**

Homework, on occasion, is failed to be submitted on time. Homework is completed to a fair standard and they respond well to the appropriate guidance set by the school. They sometimes forget to bring the necessary equipment to lessons.

#### **4. Inadequate**

Homework is rarely submitted on time. Homework is completed to a poor standard and they do not respond to the appropriate guidance set by the school. They do not bring the necessary equipment to lessons.

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 [jkoltan@boteler.org.uk](mailto:jkoltan@boteler.org.uk) or your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully



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