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Dear parent / carer

As we approach the publication of your son / daughter's first report later in October, I am writing to confirm the plans for assessment and reporting during this academic year at TGAS. I hope this will be useful in understanding the annual assessment journey.

Learning Habits

We will issue half-termly reports capturing a student's approach to learning in each subject – the 'learning habits'. We want students to hold themselves to high standards, be reflective in their studies and to manage their emotions to maintain motivation when challenged. Teachers will use their judgement to determine whether a student is **'Proactive – P'** or **'Reactive – R'**. Inevitably this will be a 'best fit' judgement. The criteria is shown below:

- **Positive Self-Regulation** - I always try to produce my best work and hold myself to high standards. I participate fully in all activities, share my thoughts, listen carefully to others and contribute to the group
- **Process not product** - I'm a critical thinker, I plan carefully before I begin, monitor how I'm doing, and I evaluate how I might do it better next time. I'm intrinsically motivated, curious about what I learn and value the process as much as the product
- **Open to failure and feedback** - I am open-minded, brave, willing to take a risk and ready to step out of my comfort zone. I'm hungry for feedback and always use it to help me improve my work further.
- **Courageous and Gritty** - I show grit and resilience and I keep focussed even when the work is challenging. I do not give up.

For a more detailed explanation of the process please find the *Explanations of Learning Habits* video in the important documents areas of MCAS.

Predicted Grades

At Post 16 predicted grades will be issued twice a year. Predicted grades are issued to Year 12 in January and July. In Year 13 predicted grades will be issued in December and March. This is a prediction of the most likely outcome for the student at the end of their A-level studies. Staff use test scores, classwork and other forms of assessment to inform their judgements.

Assessment grades

Parents will also receive the 'actual' grades achieved during trial examinations and other key assessments in order to ensure transparency of progress throughout the year.

Target Grades

To ensure the process is robust and challenging, target grades are based on national value-added scores for A-level. Targets are generated using each student's average GCSE point scores and national outcomes. A target grade is never a cap or ceiling on student performance; they are broad targets in line with or above the national average for students starting the course with the same average GCSE point score in each subject. Some students will inevitably exceed their target grade and some will not achieve them.





Of course, these reports are not the only one way that parents can follow their child’s achievement during the year. There will also be an opportunity to discuss progress in the annual parents’ evening conversations with subject teachers. Parents can also speak to their child’s form tutor as the main point of contact for issues arising and can access a range of attendance and behavioural information on MCAS.

This broad range of information is available throughout the year and, for this reason, we do not produce written reports for students. Such documents become out of date very quickly and focus on work produced many weeks previously. Parents can view more up to date feedback on key pieces of work and assessments in students’ books and folders; this will support you in your conversations with your child about progress and areas for development. In summary the reports you will receive are outlined below:

Date (Fortnight beginning)	Report Information Issued
AUTUMN	
07.10.22	Y12 & 13 Learning Habits
12.12.22	Y13 Trial Exam results 1, Predicted grades + Learning Habits
SPRING	
23.01.23	Y12 Assessment grades, Predictions + Learning Habits
27.03.23	Y13 Trial Exam results 2, Predicted grades + Learning Habits
SUMMER	
08.05.22	Y12 Learning Habits
12.07.22	Y12 Trial Exam results 2, Predicted Grades + Learning Habits

I hope this information provides clarity on the reports you will receive during the year. If there are any queries about reports, students should, in the first instance, approach their teachers for subject specific advice. If you wish to get further subject specific advice, please contact the curriculum leader for that subject via the school office at office@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk. If queries are of a more general nature, please email: ProgressReportQueries@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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