

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have attached the first of three Year 11 reports for your child.

You will see that Attitude to Learning and Homework scores are colour coded on the first page; students' attitude to learning will be the biggest factor in determining whether they go on to achieve their targets. Obtaining 3s in Attitude to Learning and Homework is the minimum expectation for all students in The Academy and this rating will really support the students in achieving their target grades. It is important that if students are receiving 2s or 1s for Attitude to Learning or Homework we see an improvement, since this will prevent students from achieving successfully at the end of the year. Please support your child at home ensuring they are completing homework and working hard in areas where teachers have indicated they could be achieving more. You can also see the average Attitude to Learning score in Year 11 to compare how your child is doing against other students and in comparison to the last academic year.

On the reverse of the report, the first column shows the target grade for your child, this is based on your child's Key Stage 2 data and the comparative performance of students of similar ability nationally. The targets set are challenging targets but they should be achievable and reflect what students are aiming for as a minimum expectation. The second column shows the predicted grade that the teacher believes the student will get based on how they are working and the final grade is the attainment grade the student is currently achieving and is a reflection of all of the different components of the course. This is a fine grade such that:

⊕ indicates working at the top end of this grade

= indicates working solidly at the centre of this grade, and

⊖ indicates working at the borderline of this grade and the grade below.

GCSEs are awarded on the 9 - 1 scale this year or Pass, Merit, Distinction for vocational pathways. A grade 4 is a standard pass and a grade 5 is a good pass. It is important that students are working to achieve above a grade 4 in English and Maths and a grade 4 in three other subjects; as most academic and vocational pathways will require this for entry at college, sixth form or apprenticeship schemes. Students now need to stay in education until the age of 18, therefore, by not achieving these grades the routes they can follow will be restricted.

Any absence in Year 11 will significantly impact on students' outcomes. Please look carefully at the attendance of your child. If attendance is below 97% it is unlikely that they will achieve their target grades.



It has been pleasing to see so many students attending intervention sessions, these extra sessions will really help the students to develop their understanding of different subjects. Please remember that the forthcoming Year 11 mock exams will be very good practice for the students, but will also be used to determine tiers of entry for foundation or higher papers which can lead to a limiting grade in the GCSE exams. So please support your child with their revision at home so that they do the best that they can.

Should you have any queries about this report please contact me at The Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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