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Dear Parents,

I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of some significant changes that have been made by the government to the way GCSEs are being graded and highlight how this may impact on the way in which we communicate to you about performance.

New GCSE grading

The old GCSEs were graded using letters from A* to G. From now on GCSEs will be graded 8 to 1. The grades map across perfectly and are translated as shown below.

Old GCSE grade	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
New GCSE grade	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Although the grading system has changed for the issuing of certificates, for the purpose of our communication to you we will keep using the old style letters to indicate performance and progress. In short, the certificates that students receive will show a number from 8 to 1 but we will continue to use the grades A* to G.

Target Setting

We have also reviewed the way we set targets. We are now using data that has been analysed and stored by the Fischer Family Trust to help inform our target setting procedures rather than just using Key Stage Two data. FFT take into account more contextual information about your child and the subjects they are studying to help produce more accurate predictions, therefore you may find their target may have changed.

If there are any concerns over any of this information please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Leaver'.

Mr P. Leaver
Assistant Headteacher