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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

I am writing to you inform you that you are now able to view your child's report on My Child at School (MCAS). This report provides vital information about the progress that your child is making. If you have forgotten your login details for MCAS, please email: <u>lordlawson@lordlawson.academy</u> and provide your child's name and tutor group.

The information below provides a guide to the report and what it contains, to help you and your child to discuss it together:

- Attendance we define good attendance as being 96% or higher. We know that students with this level of attendance achieve better in their GCSEs as a result.
- Target grade this is the grade that your child should be achieving. It is based on them making average progress from the start of year 7 to the end of year 11.
- Praise points this reflects the praise your child has received for their positive engagement and attitude towards their learning.
- Negative behaviour points this reflects the negative behaviour points your child has received where their engagement and attitude have fallen short of the required standards.
- Home learning negative points this reflects the negative points for homework not being completed and or homework deadlines being missed.

You will notice that a predicted grade has not been given for your child in their subjects. As your child has only covered a limited proportion of the GCSE specification for each subject, we would have insufficient information to make an accurate prediction. A predicted grade will be included in the academic reports following the formal year 10 assessments in March 2024.

We have reported on the praise, consequence, and home learning of your child as this will give the best picture of their start in each qualification. Reviewing the praise and consequences will assist you and your child to identify which behaviours have allowed them to positively engage in the subject or behaviours that have limited engagement. You could use Class Charts to look more closely into the specific behaviour your child has presented in lessons. Reviewing the home learning information will allow you to see if your child is struggling to complete homework in specific subjects or in general. Home learning is essential in supporting learning, and we encourage you to work with your child to form a habit of home learning as this will aid their progress as they move through year 10 into year 11.

By speaking to your child about their report and the information in this letter, you will be giving them the best guidance possible to ensure they are applying themselves effectively in their learning.

As always, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Cave Assistant Principal

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