



Our Ref: DCA/SWD

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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: lordlawson@lordlawson.academy 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.
- Predicted grade – this is the grade that the teacher **currently estimates** that your child will achieve in their final GCSEs.
- Spring assessment grade – this is the grade the students achieved in their internal assessments in February. It is used as part of the evidence for teachers to decide the predicted grade.
- 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 has 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.

It is important that you compare the predicted grade against the target grade. If your child is on or above target, then they are on track to make average or above average progress. This should be celebrated. If the predicted grade is the same as the target grade, then your child is on track to make average progress at secondary school. If the predicted grade is below the target grade, this indicates something to explore further with your child, and their teacher. The praise, consequences, and home learning scores can sometimes provide areas to explore to tackle possible underachievement.

Students will begin their final examinations in May. They have approximately 6 teaching weeks until then. This is their chance to make final improvements. We are offering after school revision sessions every night of the week. Your child may be invited to attend specific subject sessions, but they are welcome to attend any that they choose, on nights when they do not already have a specific invitation. We know from previous cohorts that those who attend after school revision sessions 3 or more times a week on the lead up to the summer exam season experience greater success in their examinations as they are more thoroughly prepared.

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On Thursday 28 March we will be holding an information evening for you and your child to attend. The purpose of the evening is to provide you with exam information (you will be given your child's exam timetable), revision strategies, and revision resources. There will also be short workshops where revision strategies will be demonstrated in a range of subjects. This information will be invaluable to you, as it gives you the guidance and confidence needed to support your child in the run up to their examinations. Further information will be provided shortly.

As always, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Cave
Assistant Principal

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