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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 is the second academic report this year and 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. This can change between now and the next report you receive.
- Spring Assessment – 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. The praise, consequences, and home learning scores can sometimes provide context to possible underachievement.

This academic report gives students insight into how they are performing in their GCSE subjects. Students will be assessed again in the autumn of year 11, but until then, it is important that students are fully engaging in lessons and engaging in their own revision schedule outside of school. Students who apply their learning to revise, practise exam questions and commit to their studies fully, are the ones who see the greatest improvement in their predicted grades.

By speaking to your child about their report, and some of the things in this letter, you will be giving them the best guidance possible to ensure they are one of the most successful students in this vital year for them.

As always, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Cave
Assistant Principal

Trust

Respect

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Ambition