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Dear Parents/Guardians

The Autumn Data Reports for son/daughter are now available to look at on the Parent Portal for SIMS.

Following some parent feedback last year we are trialling a new format, and would welcome any feedback on this.

The report contains an ARE (Age Related Expectation) assessment. You will have received an email this week explaining ARE and there is information on the website for each subject.

You will also see an On track assessment. This refers to each student's personal target based on an end of Year 9 projection. Please see explanation below.

On:

Your child is currently on-track to achieve their end of Year 9 progress target, based on the skills and knowledge they are presently demonstrating.

Below:

Your child has not yet demonstrated the breadth of skills and knowledge required to be on-track to achieve their end of Year 9 progress target.

Above:

Your child has demonstrated a range of skills and knowledge that show they have the potential to exceed their end of Year 9 progress target.

Please note that every child is different and does not follow a standard rate of progress. Children make progress at different rates and may, by nature, have 'ebbs and flows' in terms of the progress they make across their secondary school education. Our model is a broad measure of progress. It is possible for students to dip into 'below', or 'above', and then find themselves back to 'on' as they move through the school.

Please also note that the targets set for our students are very ambitious. We will always aim high for your child. They are based on their KS2 outcomes and how we feel this would project forward to the end of Year 9. We also aim high to ensure that by the time your child reaches Year 10, they are prepared for the increased rigour of GCSEs.

We hope you find this new format useful and informative. Should you have subject specific queries please contact your child's subject teacher, and for general queries their format tutor. However do contact me directly if you are able to give any feedback about the new report format so that we can continue to improve it.

Yours faithfully



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