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Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's second Progress Review of this year has now been uploaded to the My Child at School app. We appreciate that this is a very important stage in your child's school career as they settle into Secondary School. We hope that you will find this review useful in showing how your child has committed and applied themselves since starting at Highfields. It should be a helpful basis for your own conversations with your child about school life and work and may help to identify any subject areas that need further attention.

You will see that the review now includes end of Year 7 target grades and progress marks for nearly all subjects, which reflect your child's progress towards these targets. These are graded using the GCSE grades 1-9. We would expect Year 7 students to have low targets as they will increase as they go through the Year groups towards Year 11.

Please note the coding for the progress grades and that a grade of 3 'at the expected level' is a very creditable achievement. We are all delighted to see the majority of the Year attaining this and that some already seem on course to exceed their targets. Learning Behaviours and homework are on a scale of A-D, as shown on the bottom of the review. I hope that you have found 'MCAS' to be a useful tool in helping you support your child with their homework. If you are having any problems logging on, please contact digitalsupport@hswv.co.uk.

It has been fabulous to see so many students involved in Extra-curricular activities this term and representing school in teams and performances. Can I just remind you that school is open for all students until 5pm Monday to Thursday, so if a club should have to be cancelled for any reason, students can stay and complete work until your agreed pick up time. Students should only stay for a club if they have discussed this with you ahead of time so you know where they are.

Please could I ask you to keep a regular check on ParentPay and top up your child's account regularly, to avoid any students accumulating any debt. Students should bring with them a water bottle every day that can be re-filled at the water fountains during break and lunch times.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards in Year 7, who should feel very proud of their achievements. A full parents evening for you to meet <u>all</u> your child's teachers is on Wednesday 21 February 2024. More details will follow in the New Year. As ever, if you wish to discuss any issues raised by these reviews, please contact the Year Team on lowerschoolstaff@hswv.co.uk.

I wish you a happy Christmas holiday and a restful break. Yours sincerely

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