



HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am so pleased with how Year 8 are working in school and I hope your child's progress review reflects this.

You will see that this review now includes end of Year 8 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 8 students to have lower targets in some areas 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 wonderful 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.

Attendance is a big focus for school as research shows that attainment falls considerably for students with poor attendance. All students should be aiming for a minimum of 97% attendance by the end of the academic year. Please could I ask you for your support in making appointments for students after school hours.

I hope that you are finding MCAS 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 or follow the help information on the website. Homework clubs are staffed every night in school and students are welcome to just turn up to these if they need help and support. The details are on the Extra-curricular timetable on the website. Students who have amber and reds in this column will be directed to these following this review.

The Parents Evening for Year 8 will be on Thursday 2nd May, more details of this will be sent out closer to the date. Please don't hesitate to contact us on lowerschoolstaff@hswv.co.uk with any queries.

Yours sincerely

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