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Dear Parent or Carer

Happy New Year. I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I know, like many of the students, you will be concerned about the lack of information regarding this year's exams. Whilst we have very little information at the moment, please rest assured that securing your child's achievement is our priority. We are working hard to ensure that students have every opportunity to reach their full potential and that all are treated fairly.

Your child's report, containing their Mock Grades, is now available to view on the SIMs Parent App. We sent out activation details for the App last year. If you didn't activate your account and can't find the details to do so, please email us on [office@thehalifaxacademy.org](mailto:office@thehalifaxacademy.org) stating the name and tutor group of your student. For those of you that aren't able to download the App, a paper copy will be posted out next week.

The grade was based on performance in the Autumn Term, including the mock examinations and other assessments, and reflects your child's current grade. This grade could go up, remain the same or go down before the Summer; it will depend on the quality of work your child produces between now and then and their Attitude to Learning, which have been outlined below:

**Attitudes to Learning (School)** – this reflects your child's attitude in lessons

Students have been awarded a grading for their learning attitude at school in each subject area. This includes: Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning, Resilience and Reflection. Students who consistently show these attributes will be awarded a 1 or 2.

**Attitudes to Learning (Home)** – this reflects your child's independence at home

Students have been awarded a grading for their learning attitude at home in each subject area. This includes: Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning, Resilience and Reflection. Students who consistently show these attributes will be awarded a 1 or 2.

What your child needs to do next:

- Make sure that they are fully engaged with the work set on TEAMS. It has never been more important that students complete all of the work to the best of their ability, handing in their work on time.
- Keep their efforts high throughout the next few weeks and months whether they are working remotely, or if and when we return to school. Judgements about grades will be made over a series of weeks and months. There may be key assessments that teachers will make students aware of, but their day-to-day performance needs to be maintained.
- They must work with Miss Hawkins, Ms Jabbal and the Careers Service so that they have clear arrangements in place for next year. Separate sessions will be held online to support students in their applications.

If you have any subject specific concerns regarding the content of this report, we will be sending out a short form via text message where you can feedback any concerns and we will get back to you. We are intending to hold a remote event where parents will be given the opportunity to speak to specific teachers regarding subjects about which they have concerns.

If you have more general concerns regarding your child's progress or remote learning, including any support you may need, you should contact Miss Hawkins via email on [progressleaderyear11@thehalifaxacademy.org](mailto:progressleaderyear11@thehalifaxacademy.org)

We are here to help; please do get in touch. Together we will ensure that whatever the challenges, your child can confidently approach the Summer, knowing that they will enjoy the success they deserve, ready to take the next steps in their education and training.

Yours sincerely



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