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**Mr D Cooper
Principal**

28th April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached the second year 10 progress check and practice examination results. The progress check will show a target grade, a current forecast grade and an effort level together with the positive and negative scores for your child's behaviour this term.

The forecast grade denotes the grade that staff are predicting your son/daughter should get if he/she continues working in the same way as they are currently. If your child's forecast grade is lower than his/her target grade, they should be discussing with the subject teacher about what they need to do to achieve their target. Due to the changes to the GCSEs implemented by the Government grades have changed to grading in numbers rather than letters with 9 being the highest grade. If a student is given a fine grade of + (for example 5+) this means we believe that the student is almost certain to gain a 5 grade and has a good chance of achieving a 6 grade. Conversely a fine grade of - (for example 5-) means we believe that there is a chance the student may achieve a 4 grade though a 5 grade is still expected.

At this point the exact grade boundaries have not been provided for the new numbering system by the Department of Education therefore the grades given for both the progress check and the examination results are a combination of professional judgement based on the table below and knowledge of the old grading system. Therefore the progress check projections may be subject to change in the future as more information is forthcoming from the Department of Education.

Please find below a table that shows how the new grade system compares to the old. Whilst most subjects have changed to this system, Sociology and Leisure and Tourism are still using the old grading system of A*-G. BTECs and VCert subjects are still graded from distinction to pass.

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (D/E):
3 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING:
4 and above = bottom of C and above

The effort grade system has been simplified in to four categories. Sub-categories for students who have been given a cause for concern are: behaviour (BEH), classwork (CLW), attendance (ATT), controlled assessment (CWK) and homework (HWK).

Effort Descriptor	Criteria
Excellent	The student is making exemplary effort
Good	The student is making a good effort
Minor Cause for Concern	There are some concerns about the lack of effort
Major Cause for Concern	We are concerned about the lack of effort

We have also included on the progress check your child's attendance and would like to reiterate the importance of a student's full attendance in lessons and the link between their attendance and future GCSE success.

If you wish to discuss your child's progress in a specific subject area then please contact their teacher in the first instance. If your concern is of an overall nature, then contact your child's form tutor.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Shortt
College Achievement Leader



Mr D Beck
College Achievement Leader

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Please return this slip to your child's tutor.

Name : Tutor Group :

I have received my son/daughter's progress check.

Parent/carer's signature Date