

November

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Reports

This letter is to provide some accompanying information about the reports you will receive online on Go4Schools throughout the year.

The first section shows the subjects that your child is doing, their GCSE target grade, a predicted GCSE grade and their Attitude to Learning scores.

Some reminders:

- Triple Science 1 = Biology, Triple Science 2 = Chemistry and Triple Science 3 = Physics.
- The new GCSE Science syllabus counts as a 'double award' (two GCSEs), for those who are not studying Triple Science.
- Target grades have been set by reference to a national company's predictions and either KS2 or initial assessment data for your child. They should be considered challenging targets, but achievable.
- The chart to the right shows the broad equivalences of the new and old grades and the additional information supplied by the Department for Education and Ofqual.
- If pupils are planning to remain at Thomas Adams Sixth Form, it will be compulsory for anyone who achieves a grade 3 (or lower) in English or Maths to retake this subject until they achieve a grade 4, assuming that they are given a place at the college. We will also be strongly recommending that any pupils who achieve a grade 4, also resit, in order to secure a 'strong pass' (grade 5). Exact entry requirements for Thomas Adams Sixth Form and for the different subjects will be available very soon.
- There are no grades for Core P.E., since pupils do not sit formal examinations in this subject.
- There may be one or two subjects showing as 'n/a' for homework. There may be a specific reason for this, so please check with your son/daughter first, prior to contacting the school.

Grading new GCSEs from 2017

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

Predicted grades

For the first time, subject teachers have made their initial predictions of the likely grades that pupils will achieve in their final exams, but these should be taken with caution at this stage, especially if pupils have new teachers this year. Predicted grades are likely to be required for any applications to sixth form colleges. These predictions will be revised in time for the Y11 Consultation Evening on 9th January 2020, following the results from the mock examinations later this month.

Attitude to Learning (A2L) scores

A2L scores should be regarded as a key indicator of your child's attitude to school, work and likely future progress. They give you information on how they are performing in specific areas. These will usually be the first columns that we look at when mentoring pupils, before any reference is made to targets. The key to each area is shown at the foot of the report.

Over the course of this academic year, you will receive a total of 3 reports they will include the following:

TP1 November - A2L, Target and Predicted Grade

TP2 January – A2Ls, Target, Predicted and Written comments

TP3 March – A2L's Target, Predicted and Mock Exam Grades

Thursday 9th January 2020 – Year 11 Consultation Evening, 4:30 – 7:30pm

Please discuss this report with your child and please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Holland (Head of Year 11): reh@thomasadams.net with any general concerns, your child's subject teacher/s with any specific issues, or me (rsw@thomasadams.net) with any queries concerning understanding the report itself/target grades etc.

Yours faithfully



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