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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our ongoing commitment to maximise the success of all our students as well as to ensure they are encouraged to reach their potential, target grades have been set for all fifth and sixth year students.

Attached are target grades and current working grades for your son/daughter in all their current courses at National 4, National 5, Higher (National 6) or Advanced Higher (National 7) level. The targets are expressed as A, B or C pass grades for most courses. Progress in National 4 courses will be either pass or fail.

Teachers have discussed and set target grades with their students. Discussions will have focussed on each student's previous Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) results, any assessments taken this year, their current level of effort as well as their standard of classwork and homework. Each target should be seen as demanding but achievable, setting clear expectations. Over the course of the session, staff will monitor progress against these targets. Where targets are not being met, reasons for lack of progress may be sought and a plan of action put in place to address difficulties. It is most important that students themselves monitor their progress and ask for help if needed. Parents/carers are of course encouraged to check such matters.

It is also very important to stress that a target is not a prediction of achievement. The final awards achieved will be dependent on many factors during the coming months, not least the effort and commitment shown by your son/daughter. Nor are these targets to be regarded as 'estimates'. The SQA require estimate grades and these are not decided until later in the session. These 'estimates' are largely dependent on student performance in assessments such as those in the preliminary examinations.

We hope that you will find this information helpful and that you will work with your son/daughter to enable them to meet and, if possible, exceed these targets. If you wish to discuss this information, please contact the appropriate member of the Guidance team in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

CAROL STUART
Head Teacher

