



# Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School & Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week you will have received your child's Year 9 Autumn term report. I am writing to you in order to clarify the way in which our data is produced and the meaning of the grade values your child has been given.

The grades that your son / daughter has received are described as **current cumulative working grades**. This means that the grade is a judgment based on what your child has already been taught and is intended to be an overall grade representative of all the work the students have completed so far, this academic year. These grades are not based on one assessment or a snapshot but rather on an overall level of achievement so far this year. As a result, you may find that your child has received grades lower than you may expect at this time. This may be more prevalent in more heavily skills-based subjects where the key skills required to achieve a higher grade have not yet been taught.

It is expected that students will make progress towards their end of key stage 4 target grade over the remainder of year 9 and the following two academic years.

In future reports you will see two grades, one will be the current working grade, the other will be a prediction of the grade we expect your child to achieve at the end of the course.

***Please note that the recent report contains current working grades, not predictions. This was an administrative error on the report.***

If you are concerned by the number of absences your child has accrued, please be aware that each day is split into an AM and PM session. One day's absence is counted as two absences in our report so it may seem as though your child has had double the number of absences you expect. Instead, please consider the attendance percentage, we would consider good attendance to be above 96%.

If you have any more questions about the grades your child has received, please feel free to contact their subject teachers or their form tutors, contact details for staff can be found on the school website.

I would also highly recommend that you attend the year 9 parents evening on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January in order to gain more detailed feedback on your child's effort and achievement in lessons. This is important in the lead up to the Year 9 Options Process in February. We are carefully monitoring the current situation, and we will inform all parents whether the parents evening will take place in school, or online.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I Patullo

Head of Year 9