17th November 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 10 progress and attainment measure**

You may be aware that the Government have introduced a new accountability measure for schools for 2016 which is called Progress 8. This will affect your child as they are currently a student in Year 10.

The Progress 8 measure is designed to encourage schools to offer a broad and balanced curriculum at KS4. The new measure will be based on students’ progress measured across eight subjects. If a student has fewer than eight qualifications or the qualifications they do sit are not on the list of subjects in the right pots, which count towards Progress 8, they will score 0 points for the unfilled slots.

The Progress 8 score will always be determined by dividing the points total by 10 (the eight qualifications with English and mathematics counting double), regardless of how many qualifications the student sits or in which subjects.

**Progress 8**



The subjects have to be taken out of 3 pots (Pot 1 = blue, Pot 2 =yellow Pot 3 =red)

**Pot 1 – 1 and 2 (Compulsory)**

English is double weighted

Maths is double weighted

**Pot 2 – 3, 4 and 5 (Ebacc)**

Any 3 choices from:

* Sciences
* Computer Science
* French
* Geography
* History

**Pot 3- 6, 7, and 8 (other subjects)**

Any 3 choices from:

* RE
* Art
* Drama
* Design and Technology
* Child Development
* Computer Studies
* Music
* ICT

The majority of our students in Year 10 have chosen at least one Ebacc subject as one of their options, which together with their two Science qualifications will enable them to achieve the Progress 8 measure. Your child’s options will not enable them to achieve the Progress 8 measure even though they have the potential to do so. As a result, we are creating a new group in Year 10 from 23rd November where students will be taking up GCSE Geography. Students will have 6 periods of Geography per fortnight which will enable them to cover the course content in a shorter amount of time.

We appreciate that this will be a big change for your child and have not taken this decision lightly. However, the student’s Progress 8 score will be used for employment and further education purposes in the future and we therefore need to ensure that our students are best equipped to take advantage of future opportunities.

Yours faithfully

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