

September 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The attached report shows your son's/daughter's predicted grades for A Level which will be used as an indicator of grade potential in any applications made to universities or other institutions this year. Subject teachers have arrived at these projections having taken into consideration prior attainment at GCSE, the work produced during the course since the start of Year 12 and completed assessments and exams (internal or external). Please note that, where 'split' grades are indicated (eg A/B), references will use the higher grade as the teacher is indicating that this grade may be achievable.

As these grades are used by Admissions Tutors to make offers of places we encourage teachers to err on the positive side where possible. However, it is not appropriate for us to make wildly inaccurate predictions: we have to strike a balance between giving the students the prospect of receiving offers and protecting the integrity of predictions across the Associated Sixth Form (mindful that many universities monitor the reliability of schools' grade predictions).

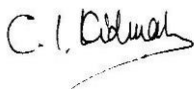
Please discuss these grade projections with your son/daughter and encourage him/her to use them to make informed decisions about university applications: whilst we encourage students to be ambitious and aspirational it is important that they apply to universities where they have a realistic chance of gaining the results which may be needed to meet any offers.

There will be a further opportunity for you to discuss these projected grades at the Year 13 Parents' Evening at St John Fisher on Thursday 17 October 2019. Meanwhile, if your son/daughter feels that there has been an error with any of the grades, he/she should ask the relevant subject teacher to authenticate the changed grade in writing on the Projected Grade sheet; this must then be handed in to the Sixth Form Office so that an amended sheet may be issued and the correct grade recorded on the reference.

A list of important dates for this academic year, so that you and your son/daughter are aware of the assessment schedule and other significant events is available to download from the school website <https://www.staidans.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Key-Dates-Year-13-2019-20.pdf>

If you have any further queries regarding this process, please contact the relevant Senior Tutor or Head of Sixth Form.

Yours faithfully,



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