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Dear Parent/Carer

This letter should reach you together with a report sheet as part of the Associated Sixth Form assessment and reporting system. This shows the latest information about your student's projected grades, as submitted by subject teachers. On the reverse of the report sheet is an explanation of the effort grade criteria which have been applied. The aim is to provide the most up to date information about performance so that parents and students can discuss progress and explore strategies for improvement. Please note that for the projected grades we ask subject teachers to give their assessment of the most likely grades that students will achieve at the end of the course based on the work and progress seen; in some cases these will not be the same as the recently-issued predicted grades, which are used to support students' applications to Higher Education and employment.

We hope that you find this interim report helpful and thank you for your support in helping us to encourage your student through the demands of A Level and Level 3 study. We will continue to monitor progress throughout the year: grades from the December mock examinations will be issued in January and you will receive a more detailed final report from all subject teachers in March

Finally, we would be grateful if you could read the following information, which is taken from our Admissions Guidance 2022-2023. We feel it is important that parents and students are aware of the potential implications of underperformance and therefore of the need for students to take every opportunity to attain the best possible grades in the summer.

Exceptional Circumstances

The Associated Sixth Form only offers a third year of study to students in exceptional circumstances. This is defined as a situation where a student's health or personal circumstances have affected his or her ability to complete the courses in two years, in which case a third year may be negotiated. Any student wishing to enquire about a Year 14 option should be aware that it is not possible for students to simply retake all previous courses: this often proves demotivating to students and does not meet funding regulations. Where students do not meet these criteria but wish to continue their studies, the pastoral team within the Associated Sixth Form will support them in accessing alternative provision.

Yours faithfully,

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