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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to clarify the numbering system in English as some confusion may have resulted from recent changes to levels and grades.

Due to government changes to student assessments and the subsequent removal of a standardised grading system every school has been tasked with developing their own grades for assessing students. When developing an assessment system it was important that it was easy to understand and that it identifies students' progress towards the end goal of GCSE's.

The English department have been trialing a new assessment and progress tracker before converting the whole school to a new system and in light of their feedback we have made some adjustments.

The new assessment and progress tracker rather than aligning to the Key Stage 2 and 3 levels, which are going next year, are now aligned to the GCSE grades. This allows parents to see their child's progress from Year 7 to 11 in a seamless way and always linking to final GCSE grades.

As a benchmark a GCSE grade of a 5= is anticipated to be the new high grade level in September 2017, with grades ranging from 1 to 9. Students who are not yet working at a GCSE level will be graded 'N', 'P' or 'S', with 'S' being just below grade '1' and 'P' and 'N' being lower than a 'S'.

I hope that this helps to clarify the changes to grades in English.

Yours sincerely

Miss Sarah Palmer

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