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**Y9 Tracking Report and Parents' Evening/Guided Choices**

Please find enclosed your child's second tracking report of this academic year.

All subjects report to a new GCSE grading system, independent of what year a student is in. Students have undertaken recent assessments where the results of these are used to give an anticipated end of Year 11 GCSE band based on current performance. To help identify whether your child is on track, you should compare it to their target band at the top of the report.

To help understand the new GCSE grades, a Grade 1 is the equivalent of a Grade G; a Grade 4 is equivalent to a Grade C and a Grade 7 is equivalent to a Grade A.

Alongside the tracking report is also the effort made by your child in each subject as well as a 'strength' and an 'area for further progress'. Students should work on these areas to further consolidate and improve their learning.

Physical Education and Performing Arts are not reported using the new GCSE grading system. As these three subjects are skills and talent based, they instead report according to whether a student is foundation, developing, secure or established.

SAM Learning points are included on the report. The current average for Year 9 is 9,500. More points can be earned through doing set homework tasks and selecting other tasks on [www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com). The next SAM Learning deadline is 16 March 2018.

Reports are issued at this point in the academic year to help with your child's option process. To assist with this further we are holding a Guided Choices Evening on Thursday 8 March 2018.

This evening is for Parent/Carers of students in Year 9. It starts with a presentation by Mr Hamer about the Guided Choices process, including the Guided Choices booklet, the subjects offered at Key Stage 4 and how the process will work.

5.00pm	Presentation by Mr Hamer about the Year 9 Guided Choices process in the Theatre
5.30pm - 8.00pm	Appointments to see subject Tutors and drop in sessions to see Tutors of subjects to inform your decision on which subjects to take at Key Stage 4
6.30pm	A repeat of the Guided Choices Presentation

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You can book appointments, if you wish, to see your child's Tutor of English and Maths from 5.30pm – 8.00pm. All other Tutors can be seen in a 'subject room' so you can gather information of your child's progress and advice on whether to choose that subject at Key Stage 4.

Appointments for the evening can be made on the online appointment system. Please visit <https://lfamington.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments. (A short guide on how to add appointments is included with this letter). The system is live now but will close on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 8.00pm. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the Academy office.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Mrs S Farley, who works in the Academy Office, who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf, however, this may lead to some inconvenient times being appointed to you.

**The presentation that takes place at 5.00pm is repeated at 6.30pm. If you wish to go to the repeat of the presentation, please do not make appointments between 6.30pm and 6.50pm.**

Also available of this evening is Mrs Rudd, the Academy's Careers Advisor and Mrs Campbell, the Academy SENCo. Careers appointments with Mrs Rudd can be made by selecting **PSHE** from the appointment system, whereas Mrs Campbell will run a drop-in system in K01 where you can go and see her during the evening.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday 8 March 2018.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs C Robson**  
**Head of School**