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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to enclose your child's latest school report. I hope that you find the comments informative and constructive and that you will take the opportunity to discuss these with us further at parents evening. The first year of GCSE studies are vital as they build the foundations on which success can be built in Year 11.

The report contains information which relates to each subject, based on current performance. I feel that it is important that we know how well our young people are performing now, rather than solely trying to predict what they may achieve next year. I have met with all heads of department and discussed any grades which are below target and interventions have been put in place to address any shortcomings.

There is also data included regarding attendance, which is vital as the link is so strong between attendance and attainment. This is even more important as students enter their final years at LHS. The school attendance target is 96% and hitting this target is important as missed lessons are missed opportunities to make progress. A 10% fall in attendance effects achievement by at least one level or grade. When considering the overall picture, an attendance of 85-90% is equal to having half a year off school over five years and attendance of 80% is equivalent to missing one whole school year between Years 7 and 11.

The changes to the GCSE grading system have been widely publicised in the press and 2017 saw the first cohort to sit the new qualifications with a 9 to 1 grading system. The grades included here reflect the new system and were generated using sample assessments from the examination boards.

It has been a pleasure to read these reports as they reflect the hard work and talents of our students. I look forward to working with you, during the next 18 months, with a common aim of maximising the life chances of our young people.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Jennings
Headteacher