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Dear parent / carer

Here at The King's, staff continually assess students to determine how they are progressing and to identify their next steps in learning. We track students throughout the year to determine their attainment and their progress, and subsequently, put measures in place to support those who are at risk of not meeting their targets.

To this end, I would like to inform you of a number of changes we have made to our assessment procedure which will take place in the new academic year.

Reporting to parents

With regards to our reporting procedure:

- we are moving from a 6 point reporting cycle to a 3 point reporting cycle, which means you will receive updates on you child's progress on a termly basis. Please visit the school website for more details on dates or follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/thekingskeydates>
- the existing 'commitment to homework' grade has been modified so it now indicates whether or not your child is able to meet deadlines (e.g. homework/ controlled assessment)
- your child will also be graded on how 'equipped' they are 'to learn' i.e. do they attend each lesson with the correct stationery and equipment?

Assessing progress

With regards to assessing progress:

- students will continue to sit end of year examinations (Y7-10) or termly mock examinations in the case of year 11
- the autumn and spring term 'assessment' weeks are to be replaced with a reformed model where assessments will now be smaller in scale and staggered across a term rather than at the end. This will provide staff with timely feedback on student progress which can then inform future teaching and learning
- there will be an increased focus on 'lagged' assessment where students will be tested on their ability to retain and apply skills and knowledge from previous terms.

Rewarding achievement

With regards to our rewards system:

- we will be trialling a new reward scheme from September with our year 11 students. Based on an agreed success criterion, the scheme aims to reward those students who consistently work hard throughout the academic year and subsequently achieve in their GCSE summer exams.
- the more points students accumulate, the more substantial the benefits will be. For example, for successful students, we will either cover the cost of a provisional driving license or fund a 16-25 student rail card.

Please visit the school website for more details or follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/thekingsrewards>

Although we continue to have high expectations of all our students, we are also completely committed to ensuring their time at school is a positive, enjoyable and enriching experience. As such, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully

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