

## A Parent's Guide:

### What is included in the Year 13 Progress Report – November 2016?

For each of the courses your son/daughter is currently studying, this report includes data regarding the following aspects of their progress:

<u>CODE</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>Type</b>	'Vocational', 'Old' or 'New'	A reminder of whether the course is a vocational course [i.e. BTEC] or an 'old' or 'new' A Level <b>specification</b> .*
<b>Attitude</b>	Numbers 5 – 1	Your son/daughter's <b>attitude to learning</b> in lessons since September 2016.
<b>Homework</b>	5 – Highest 1 - Lowest	Your son/daughter's attitude to completing <b>homework</b> outside of lessons since September 2016.
<b>Internal Assessment [or CAL if no IA]</b>	<u>A Levels:</u> Grades A – U	Your son/daughter's overall November <b>Internal Assessment</b> Grade in their A Level course. Or their overall coursework grade [ <b>Current Attainment Level</b> ] by November in their project-based A Level or vocational course [i.e. BTEC].
<b>Coursework</b>	<u>Vocational:</u> Grades P(P) – D*(D*)	Your son/daughter's current <b>coursework</b> grade (if applicable).
<b>Predicted Grade</b>		Taking into account all of the information above, your son/daughter's <b>most likely</b> overall <b>predicted grade</b> on the course in August 2017, if they continue at their current rate of progress.**
<b>AS Level</b>	Grades A - U	A reminder of your son/daughter's overall <b>AS Level</b> Grade in August 2016 (if applicable).*

\* **Why is it useful to remember whether an A Level course is an 'old' or 'new' specification?**

What is the difference between ...	<b>Type of assessment</b>	<b>What did the AS Level result mean?</b>	<b>Can I resit an AS Level module in Y13?</b>
Vocational...	<u>100% coursework-based</u>	N/A – No AS Level exam	N/A
'Old' specification A Levels...	<u>Modular.</u> This means the final A Level result is still the average of separate modular exams sat across both Year 12 and Year 13.	The AS Level result in August 2016 was a result which will be included by the exam board when calculating the final overall grade for the A Level in August 2017.	YES
and 'New' specification A Levels?	<u>Linear.</u> This means the final A Level result is the average of terminal exams sat at the end of Year 13 only.	The AS Level result in August 2016 will not be included by the exam board when calculating the overall grade for the A Level in August 2017.	NO

**\*\* What is the difference between a predicted grade on this report, and the predicted grade the school has submitted on my son/daughter's UCAS application?**

The predicted grade included on this report may sometimes be lower than the predicted grade submitted by the College on students' UCAS applications; this can be confusing for parents and students if they are not aware of the differences between the purpose of these grades and, therefore, how they are set.

The predicted grades included in these reports are designed to give students and parents an insight into **the most likely grade** for the student in August 2017. As such, the main purpose of this predicted grade is to give teachers, students and parents **the clearest possible picture of a student's current progress**, allowing them all the best possible chance to intervene or change behaviour if the predicted grade is below where they want.

The UCAS predicted grade submitted by the College is designed to give students the best possible chance at their preferred first choice university, by predicting them **their most aspirational grade** in August 2017. The purpose of this predicted grade is to give students **the strongest possible application when applying to universities** if there is the possibility that **they might achieve this outcome**. This is why students must also apply to a range of universities with different entry requirements, and must select a 'back up' insurance choice with lower grades for if they do not achieve those for their first choice.

**Summary of difference between the types of predicted grade:**

<b>What is the difference between...</b>	<b>Type of prediction</b>	<b>Purpose of prediction</b>
the predicted grades on this report...	The <b>most likely</b> grade	Gives teachers, students and parents the clearest possible picture of student progress, and the chance to intervene if necessary/desired.
and the predicted grades on UCAS applications?	The <b>most aspirational</b> grade <i>(while still being a possibility)</i>	Gives students the best possible chance applying to an 'aspirational' first choice, safe in the knowledge students should have a 'back up' ready if they do not make this grade.

If your son/daughter is unsure of their current UCAS predicted grades, they are reminded to check the spreadsheet in the Achievement Director Office and confirm these are as they expect, as previously requested in school.