



Dear Parent

In order to improve our students understanding of how they can progress with their learning in Key Stage three, we are introducing the use of '**Assessment Milestone Matrices**' for all subjects from this September 2018.

Each subject has created a breakdown of the areas the students will learn alongside differing levels of accessing and achieving for each learning area. We have called each step a '**milestone**'. Each year group in Key Stage three has their own milestone matrix so that the learning and expectations and progressive. This will therefore identify the next steps your son/daughter has to take to progress their learning in any given subject or learning area. You will find these on the school website, but also as the first document in every book or folder for each individual subject. Teaching staff will be referring to these regularly and so, the students will become familiar with these documents as they are used in assessments.

When they join the upper school, they will use the assessment criterion for the course they are studying, for example, the GCSE assessment bands. The bands, like the milestones do not relate exactly to any given grade. They do, however identify what students need to do to progress to the next band; and so, we have replicated this format for our Key Stage three students.

To find your copy of the '**Assessment Milestone Matrices**' please visit the school website, curriculum section. If you do not have access to the internet and would like the relevant copy printed, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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