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Dear Parent,

Revised aim high grades

We are delighted that our students once again did exceptionally well in the summer 2017 examinations. We are especially pleased that results in the new maths and English courses were strong. Whilst the national picture is still emerging we expect our results in English and maths to be well above national average.

The experience gained in running the new courses and analysing the results allows us, and other schools, to further refine our target setting for future year groups. It is important that we set students targets that are aspirational but also realistic.

To set targets we use a database provided by the Fischer Family Trust which generates targets, by subject, for each individual student according to their primary school SAT marks and a number of other variables. Senior leadership team have reviewed the targets generated and used teacher assessment and our individual understanding of your child's potential to create an aim high grade that represents good to outstanding progress.

We are currently working through a process of reviewing all student aim high grades to reflect our developing understanding of the new GCSE courses and the new data available. A copy of your child's revised aim high grades are included with this letter.

It is worth remembering that these grades are an indicator of potential outcomes and in many cases students will exceed this expectation. As a matter of policy we do not increase targets once students have met or exceeded them, we would rather students celebrated being ahead of their aim high grade.

Should you wish to discuss this further please contact

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Yours faithfully,

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