

14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Pear Parent/Carer

**Re: Assessment**

Assessment is a vital part of learning. The specific guidance each student receives throughout their school career greatly contributes to their academic success and the skills they develop as life-long learners.

To support you and your child to use feedback effectively, we have created the following guidance and there is a collection of videos that can be found on the school's website: <https://www.ashmoleacademy.org/page/?title=Assessment&pid=982>

**How is assessment used to gather information about my child's learning?**

Assessment is used regularly through teacher questioning, activities completed in lessons and homework. Students then receive feedback from their teachers in all lessons enabling them to understand precisely what they are doing successfully and what they should focus on to improve. This information is shared with them in oral and written feedback and students respond to it, demonstrating their improvement. This information is also used to ensure lessons are adapted to meet the needs of each student and class.

**What information will I get about my child's progress?**

In the second half of the autumn term, we will send you a Progress Check. This is reported for each subject your child studies as working 'on', 'above' or 'towards' their target grade based on the information each teacher gathers in all lessons and homework throughout the autumn term. We will also report an Attitude to Learning grade for each subject.

In the second half of the autumn term and start of the spring term, students in Years 7 to 10 undertake a mid-year assessment. This is reported to you as a grade in Parents' Evening meetings occurring in the spring term. Years 11 and 13 have mock examinations prior to the Christmas break and Year 12 have mid-year examinations at the end of January.

In the summer term, we will send a report which includes an academic grade and an Attitude to Learning grade plus a detailed comment from each of their teachers. Your child's Form Tutor will also report on their engagement with form activities, how they have exhibited our school's values and their contributions to the school community.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely



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