



All Saints' Catholic Voluntary Academy

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“We shall serve.”

Mark 10:45 - *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

7th December 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

I am writing to you in order to explain the different approach the school will be taking from this point onwards in relation to how teachers report on the progress of students.

Historically, teachers have provided a projection regarding how they expect a child to perform at the end of their GCSE or A-Level years; these projections are informed by various factors, but strongly rely on a stable national assessment picture to support teachers' understanding of how the respective examination specifications translate into final grades. As a result of the interruption to exams caused by the Coronavirus pandemic, assessment at GCSE and A-level is in a state of flux, and as such, the school no longer believes teacher projections are the most effective means of reporting on students' progress.

Instead, parents will now be able to access their child's assessment information from the Go 4 Schools Parent Portal (details attached); there will be three data windows per year whereby parents will be able to see the grades their children have actually achieved in their summative assessments. This information is quantitative and removes a number of hypothetical considerations. It will also mean that parents can celebrate student performance based on the previous term's assessment, or, intervene and support their child when performance in assessment is a cause for concern.

The windows whereby the previous term's assessment data drops will be ready for parents to view are as follows:
Monday 9th January 2023; Monday 24th April 2023 and Wednesday 12th July 2023.

We hope that this will provide greater reliability in terms of information about student performance; hopefully, as the national picture settles over the next two years, we can re-examine the most effective ways of communicating with parents and carers about student progress.

Please do ensure that you have followed the instructions attached and signed up to the Go 4 Schools portal. Furthermore, teacher reports will now comment on the following areas:

- **Ready and organised for learning** (Always, mostly, sometimes, rarely and never).
- **Successful in retrieval activities** (Always, mostly, sometimes, rarely and never).
- **Attempts tasks independently** (Always, mostly, sometimes, rarely and never).
- **Responds to teacher feedback purposefully** (Always, mostly, sometimes, rarely and never).
- **Excellent behaviour** (Always, mostly, sometimes, rarely and never).

The attributes above allow teachers to give an indication about how students are performing in relation to the Knowledge Curriculum being delivered at All Saints', as well as the frequency with which these attributes are being demonstrated. We hope that parents find them more informative than the previous reporting comments. As ever, if you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or their Year Progress Leader.

Many Thanks

Mrs Laura Johnson
Deputy Headteacher

"Leaders have high expectations of all. Pupils, including Sixth Form students, respond well to this challenge. They are determined to succeed."