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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 Assessment and Reporting Programme for 2019/20

As part of our continuing commitment to improving academic standards, I would like to take this opportunity to explain to you the monitoring and reporting programme that is now in place for your daughter in the year ahead.

Your daughter's teachers, after consultation with her, have now set individual targets in each of her subjects and these grades should now be recorded in her homework diary.

In previous years we have felt that it was beneficial to agree these targets with pupils and their parents but unfortunately due to the long-running dispute over teachers' pay and the resultant industrial action we have had to cancel the Year 9 Event which was scheduled for Monday 7th October. However, your daughter's progress will still be monitored against these set targets using individual subject tracking assessments. The first of these formal assessments will be a winter series of examinations to record progress at this important milestone in the academic year.

We pride ourselves on the strong relationships that we have with you, the parent, and encourage you to take an active role in your daughter's education. To do this, we realise that you need to be fully informed and therefore we will now be sending home academic progress reports in December, March and June. During these three assessment windows your daughter will also be interviewed by her Form Teacher to discuss her progress, and if required, any intervention strategies that could be employed to improve achievement.

We hope that these strategies will have a positive impact upon your daughter's education and that she feels fully engaged with her studies at Glenlola Collegiate. In 2019/20 we will be continuing with the "Effort Commendation Scheme" which will focus upon rewarding the effort marks given by subject teachers. We also encourage our pupils to become actively involved in any of our extra-curricular clubs or societies which play such a vital role in everyday school life.

Our aim is that this year will be a successful and happy experience for your daughter but if any concerns arise she should feel confident to discuss these matters with her Form Teacher in the first instance. The Pastoral Care and SEN teams are both on hand should specialised advice be required and I have enclosed some further information regarding these policies.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Montgomery
Vice Principal