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Year 8 – 11 Assessment and Reporting Programme for 2020-21

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of our continuing commitment to improving academic standards, I would like to take this opportunity to explain to you the changes that have been made to our monitoring and reporting programme. Some of these changes were planned but others have had to happen due to the COVID pandemic. Normally we would be inviting parents to attend a consultation evening to discuss target grades but unfortunately these meetings have had to be cancelled. However, teachers will after consultation with your daughter now set individual targets for her in each of her subjects and these grades should now be recorded in your daughters' homework diary. Form teachers will also be holding a short interview with your daughter to discuss these target grades between Friday 16th October and Thursday 22nd October. These interviews will take place between 8.45 – 9.00am. Pupils will be given their interview time in advance and should only arrive into school 5 minutes before this interview time. All other pupils should arrive into school at 9.05am for normal registration at 9.10am. After half term we will revert back to the registration format that has been in operation since the start of term.

Throughout the year progress will be monitored against these set targets using individual subject tracking assessments. The first of these formal assessments will be a winter series of examinations scheduled for the first two weeks of December.

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 January, 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 daughters' education and that she feels fully engaged with her studies at Glenlola Collegiate. In 2020/21 we will be continuing with the "Effort Commendation Scheme" which will focus upon rewarding the effort marks given to your daughter by her subject teachers.

Our aim is that this year will be a successful and happy experience for your daughter but, if any problems should arise, she will 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