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Dear Parents

Advanced Level Performance System

I would like to thank those who were able to attend the Welcome Morning last term. I know how busy everyone is and I appreciate the fact that you are able to offer us feedback on our pupils' progress.

An area which I feel like I need to address is the ALPS prediction grades which some parents have concerns with. ALPS is the national system we use in order to target an AS grade and an A2 grade for our students. The grades are based on the point score which is received at G.C.S.E. level and then compared with all other students in the country.

The ALPS target is a prediction which all students will be pushed to exceed whilst in their classes. The AS grade is often lower than the A2 grade. I must stress that a student's prediction for university will be based on their actual achievement at AS and their work ethic throughout Year 12. It will not be automatically taken as their target ALPS grade. I know this did concern some parents.

I know some students feel a little disappointed with what they perceive as a low target at ALPS. They will be taught at the highest standard in order to not only reach but exceed their target.

I hope that I have addressed some issues which were raised last term but if you have any issues, please feel free to contact me and I will try to find a solution.

I would like to thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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