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Dear Parent/Carer

You will have received a copy of your son/daughter's S5 / 6 Tracking Report. This is the first of a new series of reports making reference to targets, so we thought it would be beneficial to offer some explanation surrounding the Report.

You will remember that Mr Smith issued a letter on 3 October 2011 about S5/S6 target setting which gave the background to our new target setting arrangements. As you can see from the report, the Target Band (TG) and Working Band (WG) for each subject at Higher and Intermediate level are given as well as information on Effort, Behaviour and Homework.

For S6 pupils studying Advance Higher courses, some subjects have entered Target Bands but all subjects have entered Working Bands plus information on Effort, Behaviour and Homework.

Bands 1 and 2 are equivalent of an A pass, bands 3 and 4 of a B pass and bands 5 and 6 of a C pass. Band 7 is the equivalent of a D and bands 8 and 9 of a fail.

In most instances, as would be expected at this relatively early stage in courses, Working Bands are lower than the Target Bands. At the forthcoming S5/S6 Parents' Meeting on Thursday 10 November 2011, your child's teachers will talk to you about their progress and how they can continue to work towards their Target Band.

It would be useful to bring the Tracking Report to the Parents Meeting for reference purposes. You could then also use the Teacher Action Plan section to make brief notes on how you can support your child as they work towards achieving their Target Bands.

Also attached to the Tracking Report is information on your child's attendance and punctuality at school.

Finally there is an acknowledgement and feedback sheet. We would encourage you to use this opportunity to raise any issues or make any comments on your child's report with the relevant Depute Head Teacher, Mr Dick for S5 and Mrs Gordon for S6. We would particularly welcome any feedback you have to offer regarding the new target setting approach we have introduced. Completed sheets should be returned to the School Office by Friday 11 November at the latest.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parents Meeting on Thursday 10 November 2011.

Yours sincerely

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Depute Head Teacher (S5)

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Depute Head Teacher (S6)