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Dear Parent/Carer

Today all S4 pupils have been issued with a full school report following on from the prelim exams which were held in December.

The report heading for each subject will indicate the level at which your son/daughter is currently working. This is followed by a Working Grade and ratings for Effort, Behaviour and Homework.

The Working Grade, which reflects performance in the December prelims, is listed as a band from 1 to 9 with the following connection to SQA grades:

Working Grades 1 & 2 – equivalent to Grade A
Working Grades 3 & 4 – equivalent to Grade B
Working Grades 5 & 6 – equivalent to Grade C
Working Grade 7 – equivalent to Grade D
Working Grades 8 & 9 – equivalent to No Award

You will then see a list of any Unit Assessments (NABs) that your son/daughter has already passed. A student must pass all Unit Assessments to obtain a course award, in many subjects students can expect to sit 3 NABs, although this can vary. The final grade for the course award is usually based on performance in the final exam in May, although in some subjects other factors will be taken into account.

The Teacher Action Plan will give more information about your son/daughter's performance and advice about next steps as he/she prepares for the forthcoming SQA exams. In some instances a department may recommend a change in presentation level to allow students to achieve a successful award. This will be reflected in the teacher's comments and I will also write to you if this is the case.

I hope you find this report informative and that it can be used constructively to help your son/daughter to prepare a programme of revision for the final exams over the next few months. Please discuss the report with your son/daughter and note any comments on the return sheet at the back of the report. This return sheet should be returned by your son/daughter to the Blue Boxes outside the school office as soon as possible.

Please remember that the Options Information Evening for S4/S5 parents takes place next Monday 6th February in the Main Theatre at 7 pm. I hope to see you there. Option Interviews for S4 pupils will start on Tuesday 7th February and signed Option Forms must be returned to the relevant Pupil Support PT by 23rd February.

If you have any concerns, please contact me through the school office.

Yours faithfully

Anne Lewis
Depute Head Teacher S4