



July 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please find attached your son's / daughter's Year 10 Report.

The structure of the GCSEs has changed and your son / daughter is now following the reformed curriculum which leads ultimately to GCSE grades at 9-1.

The content of the reformed GCSEs is more challenging and a rigorous approach to learning needs to be established from the start. A grade 9 is the top grade (above an A*), a grade 4 is a standard pass (aligned to the bottom of an old grade C) and a grade 5 will be a strong pass. It is only the GCSEs with a practical element which will still have any coursework included, all other GCSEs are assessed only by examination at the End of Year 11.

During the Year 10 Exam week, your son's / daughter's performance was assessed against the revised 9-1 grading criteria, which is by nature more challenging than previously experienced. Predictions are based on their actual performance in the exam and provide an indication of the grade that they will most likely achieve if they continue to work at their current level.

Please note, however, that a grade 5 will most likely be the benchmark for access to Sixth Form. In addition, please be aware that only the top 2% of the National Cohort will be awarded a grade 9. Obviously, this is a significant change to the curriculum and the level of expectations placed upon the students.

On the report, you will see a Predicted Grade for End of Year 11 as well as an Attitude to Learning measure.

Our internal grades represent:

G5A	Secure at grade 5 but working towards a grade 6
G5B	Secure with the skills required at grade 5
G5C	Developing skills required at grade 5

We will continue to report on your son's / daughter's Attitude to Learning (ATL) as this provides further evidence of their engagement. The definitions for Attitude to Learning are shown on the report.

Predicted Grades or ATL's in **red and orange** are an indication that if your child continues with the same learning pattern, they will most likely **not** reach their expected grade at the End of Year 11. Please ensure that you make an appointment with the subject teacher to agree on a strategy to support their progress.

Students with a **Predicted Grade** shade in Red would have received specific intervention material that needs to be completed during the summer holiday and returned to the subject teacher on the first day back. Parent support is an essential element in ensuring that students close the gap in their knowledge that will prevent them from reaching their potential.



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There is a whole team available to support your child. For any queries or concerns, please directly discuss that with the subject teacher or subject leader.

The other members of staff that focus on student progress and can assist with any queries are:

Mr Mammen - Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum and Progress)
Mr Cheema - Deputy Headteacher (Behaviour and Safety)
Mr Vermaak - Assistant Headteacher (Raising Standards Leader)
Miss Dyer - Assistant Headteacher (Student Wellbeing)
Ms Wheaton – Assistant Headteacher (Director of 6th Form)
Miss Reed - Year Progress Leader

Another key person who will be working with our Year group is Mrs Low. She is responsible for punctuality and attendance. Feel free to contact her if you require any additional support in this area - jlow@rodingvalley.net or 02085081173, the usual school telephone number. Please remember our expectation is that your child will achieve over 96% attendance across the year.

Please also take note of the following dates for your diary;

Thursday 13th September 2019 - We will be holding a Transition evening to set out expectations and share strategies on how you can support your child.

Thursday 17th October 2019 - Y11 Concerns Evening

W/B Monday 4th November 2019 - First round of Pre-Public Exams (Mocks)

Thursday 16th January 2020 - Y11 Parents Evening

W/B Monday 24th February 2020 - Second round of Pre-Public Exams,

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff above.

A nice way of keeping up to date with what is going on in school is from the weekly bulletin that is sent out to all parents via the email you have shared with us. There is also the school twitter account @RodingValleyHS or our Instagram account @rodingvalleyhs.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Headteacher
Student Progress

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Progress Leader: Year 10

