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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Year 12 Progress Tests

I am writing to inform you that all students in year 12 will be taking a series of progress tests next week. There will be one test per subject and they will take place during a lesson between 15 – 17 October. Subject staff are informing students about the nature and structure of these tests so they can prepare for them. These tests will be set appropriately for this early stage of the courses.

The progress tests will be internally assessed by class teachers who will then take into consideration each individual student's prior attainment and report a progress grade that is relative to them individually. The progress grade will be shared based on their teacher's professional judgement. Whatever the style of test and mark scheme used, teachers will provide a progress test grade using four colours;

- i. **Purple:** Student is making above expected progress
- ii. **Green:** Student is making expected progress
- iii. **Amber:** Student is not yet making expected progress
- iv. **Red:** Student is significantly below expected progress.

The progress grades will be recorded centrally so that tutors and my team can identify students needing greater support and those who should be congratulated for making a successful start to sixth form. Students and parents will have access to a statement of progress grades via the parent portal.

The progress tests are a brief snapshot to see how well students have settled into their courses and will be used alongside other formative assessments that teachers regularly use in their own subject areas. There will be a second round of progress tests at the end of January.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Year 12

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