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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Minimum Progress Grades (MPGs)

Recent changes to the Government expectations for secondary schools and the progress that children should make based on Key Stage 2 scaled scores have resulted in us reviewing the targets that have been set for students in Years 7 to 10. For students with no Key Stage 2 results, the Cognitive Ability Test (CAT) results have been used to carry out the review.

We are referring to this new target as a MPG or Minimum Progress Grade, this will replace the term "Pathway" which your child would have been aware of in previous years. The vast majority will have the same grade but some may have been changed to reflect the new government benchmarks. Students will be informed of their MPGs over the coming weeks and all subjects have been asked to have student MPGs displayed on the inside cover of their exercise books on a green sticker.

The new MPGs will work in the same way as the previous "pathway" targets. For example, a student that has a MPG (Minimum Progress Grade) of a 5 will be expected to aim for grade 5 as a minimum in all their GCSE subjects in Year 11.

For our younger students GCSEs may be a few years away, therefore MPGs will be reviewed each academic year to ensure they are not creating a "glass ceiling" on their progress. Students should be reminded that these are **minimum** grades and therefore should aim to achieve beyond these wherever possible.

You will be able to see the minimum progress grade and the grades your child should be achieving in their current year group to show "expected", "good" and "excellent" progress recorded in student planners and on student reports when they are issued throughout the year.

If you have any questions please contact me at jpeacock@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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