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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter contains some important information about your daughter's academic targets for this year. In Year 8 pupils will be moving to a new assessment scheme. Instead of being given a specific target for Year 8 they will be issued a 'Pathway' for each subject.

The Pathways are intended as a way to measure a pupil's progress in line with expected achievement in her GCSEs at the end of Year 11. We feel it is too soon to label students with single grades in Year 8 and the Pathways allow a broader measure of achievement in line with GCSE expectations. Your daughter will not be given specific grades in Year 8, instead teachers will compare the quality of work she produces in relation to her Pathway.

Feedback from parents, pupils and staff reflected the need to establish a clear, easy to understand and simple assessment and reporting system. We hope that our assessment system for Year 8 allows pupils the opportunity to understand the demands of the GCSEs whilst working at Key Stage 3.

Your daughter will be assigned one of the Pathways below for each of the subjects she studies.

- 7-9
- 6-7
- 5-6
- 4-5
- 3-4
- 1-3

Your daughter's Pathways are calculated by looking at her Key Stage 2 outcomes, together with the performance of students in this subject across the country and the performance of students in similar schools to ours. Teachers will use these pathways to measure the level of progress your daughter is making and will comment on this via Parents' Evening as well as the Autumn and Summer Reports. Further information about these Pathways will be published when your daughter receives her first set of reports later in the year.

Your daughter's Pathways for each subject can be accessed by logging into Go 4 Schools via <https://www.go4schools.com/>. Please do contact the school if you require any further explanation or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Mr H Pandya

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