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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support for the school during this difficult time. The response from the year 7 parents and students to remote education has been excellent and we are grateful to you. I am hoping to send out accolades soon so both you and the students know that we are conscious of the dedication and hard work you are all putting in.

When you read your child's report there are a couple of things to bear in mind:

Teachers have been asked to focus on work done before the lockdown to give an estimate of the students potential grade for GCSE. However, that does not mean that progress and dedication shown through lockdown has not fed into the result on this round of data collection.

The second thing to bear in mind is that this set of results estimates grades that students should achieve at the end of Key Stage 4, now over four years hence. Cumulative ongoing assessment grades may thus remain static, fluctuate and then rise rapidly nearer to the terminal examinations in Year 11. It is not unusual therefore for student progress over time to appear not to follow a uniformly upwards trajectory.

You may notice on the report that no GCSE grades are identified at KS3 as it would be unrealistic to predict the outcomes five years after the children transition to secondary school. However, as shown on the report there is a target range of grades that your child is currently working towards.

Unfortunately, Ms Barker is not currently in the college and so has not been able to provide reports at the current time. The work done over the lockdown period will be marked by a member of the Creative Arts team. Please contact e.pearson@tavistockcollege.org if you have any concerns.

Do feel free to contact teachers or myself if you are uncertain about the information you have before you. We are always happy to discuss reports particularly those that may be unfamiliar to you in style.

There will be a full written report in the summer term.

With very kindest regards and many thanks again for all you are doing on the remote learning supervision front.

Yours sincerely



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