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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about an important change in how we measure and report progress for students in Key Stage 3. Previously, students were given target grades that projected what they might achieve by the end of Year 11. However, we understand that this approach can be confusing and unclear. To make progress clearer and more meaningful, we are introducing a new Pathway System.

### What Are Pathways?

Students will now be assigned to one of five pathways as both a target pathway and as an outcome of their formal assessments throughout Key Stage 3:

**Bronze → Silver → Gold → Platinum → Diamond**

These pathways are determined using your child's Key Stage 2 SATs results and their corresponding Key Stage 4 target grade, and are designed to track progress towards their potential outcomes at Key Stage 4. Each subject will have its own target pathway, reflecting your child's strengths and areas for development.

Pathway	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
<b>Equivalent grade at KS4</b>	1, 2	3	4, 5	6, 7	8, 9

### How Will This Help?

- Students will know exactly where they are and what steps they need to take to improve.
- After each assessment, they will be told which pathway they are currently working at and how close they are to the next level.
- This system aims to make progress tracking more transparent, motivating, and supportive.

### Further Information

We have created a short video to explain this change to the students in more detail. Please take a few minutes to watch it here: [KS3 Pathway intro video for students](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students achieve their very best.

Yours Sincerely,

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