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Dear Parent/Carer

### Senior Phase – S4, S5 & S6 Full Reports

Please find attached a report compiled by class teachers for your son/daughter based on the recent set of prelims which were held at the start of term 3. The report details performance for subjects currently being studied and ratings for Behaviour and Homework. Also included are both the aspirational course Target Grade and the current Working at Grade.

The **Target Grade** is an aspirational target for the final course award and the **Working at Grade** is the grade achieved in that recent assessment.

We have continued to use the Effort grade as an indication of the **Learner Mark** for that subject.

The **Learner Mark** is based on the members of staff judgement in each of the six areas in the Learner Mark diagram and relates to their attitude to learning within the classroom.

In your report, the effort grade will still show an entry ranging from 1 to 4 and these grades will represent the Learner Mark as follows.

How am I doing?		Met all	Have met 3 or 4	Have met 1 or 2	Have not met any
A	Complete all work set	<b>+2 +1 -1 -2</b>			
B	Always bring the correct equipment including your planner				
C	Arrive punctually to lessons				
D	Make progress on agreed targets set by your teacher				
E	Be focused in lessons and engaged in learning				
F	Listen and follow instructions straight away				
Positive attitude?		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely/never
Raising Expectations		Raising Goals		Following Potential	

- Effort Grade of 1, equates to a Learner Mark of +2, meaning all Learner Mark criteria met.**
- Effort Grade of 2 equates to a Learner Mark of +1, meaning 3,4 or 5 of the criteria have been met.**
- Effort grade of 3 equates to a Learner mark of -1, meaning only 1 or 2 of the criteria have been met.**
- Effort grade of 4 equates to a Learner mark of -2, meaning none of the criteria have been met.**

This report is a full report including staff comments and is intended to inform you and your son / daughter regarding current progress and to support you in your discussions regarding preparation for the actual SQA exams beginning in late April 2019.

PSE does not have Working Grades / Target Grades but does note ratings.

**Attendance / Lates:** - This report includes details of attendance and lates. We would ask for your support in flagging up any inconsistencies you may note on your own son / daughter's report.

I would ask that you disregard the third section of the report headed **National 3, National 4 & National 5 courses** as there are currently changes being phased in by the Scottish Qualifications Authority, which supersedes this information.

**Working at Grades** at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher of 1 – 7 indicate on track for an award, with a Working at Grade of 8 indicating a fail but that the mark was generally within 5% of award level and a Working at Grade of a 9 at National 5 and Higher indicating any mark between 0 and notionally 34%. A Working at Grade of 9 at Advanced Higher indicates any mark between 0 and notionally 39%.

For any learner studying courses at National 1, 2, 3 or 4 level, a grade of 6 or 7 indicates that they are on track to pass and a grade 8 indicates that at present significant improvement is required to pass the course.

We thank you for your continued support of all our learners.

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