



Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to outline the academy's introduction of rank order assessment which we are looking to begin in the new year. The system will rank all year 11s in order of overall progress across their subjects based on their recent mock exams, and is being introduced across all United Learning schools this year.

We hope this new reporting system will provide parents, teachers and students with clear assessment information that will help in identifying where students need to focus their efforts during the run up to next year's exams.

The rank order system will work in the following ways:

- Each parent will receive a letter at the start of January stating where their child sits in the overall year group by position on progress after the recent mock exams. It is important to note that the progress measure looks at a student's grades in relation to their KS2 scores so is a good measure of relative performance. This means that students who have made good progress could sit near the top of the year group despite having lower mock grades than the majority. In this way it is good measure of effort and commitment which are essential if each student is to perform to their potential in the final GCSE exams.
- Ranking tables of the top 75 students (the top half of the year group) will be displayed around the academy both by progress and pure attainment.

Overall we feel the ranking system will increase motivation across the year group and will be a recognition of the efforts put in by those featuring. It will also allow students and parents to get a realistic insight into where students are sitting after the first two terms of the year.

However, we are giving all students and parents the option of opting out of the public display of the ranking if they so wish.

If you do not want your child to be included in the public ranking table, please email Sue Trigell at [sue.trigell@northoxfordshire-academy.org](mailto:sue.trigell@northoxfordshire-academy.org) with your name and the name of your child by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Yours sincerely

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