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Dear Parent/Carer

The purpose of this report is to give you information on how well your child is performing in their subjects in preparation for the start of their first year of the senior phase and the journey towards National Qualifications.

The report states the grades at which your child is currently working at based on their recent S3 examination in each subject – this is shown as the **Working Grade** on the report. To maintain or improve on these grades, pupils will need to apply themselves fully both in class and at home. This is also supplemented by a **Target Grade** – this is the grade that the class teacher thinks your child can achieve, based on what they have seen in class so far. It should be noted that working grades are based on current evidence. To maintain or improve these grades, pupils will need to apply themselves fully both in class and at home. Your child's teacher has also provided advice on how to improve.

An explanation of the codes used for Working Grades is given below:

GRADE	SQA Grade
1	A
3	B
5	C
7	D
8	At present, not yet achieving an award.

This report also contains rates for **behaviour, effort and homework**. These ratings are accompanied by the terms **excellent, good, inconsistent and needs improvement**. These have been used on a sliding scale, it is therefore important to note that '**needs improvement**' refers to a significant concern. A grade of 'good' may also provide stimulus for discussion at home on how to move to 'excellent'. There is also information on your child's attendance. Please note attendance is recorded as 2 openings per day – a morning session and an afternoon session.

As National 4 is awarded on a pass/fail basis, we have used the grades above to report on the quality of work being produced by pupils at that level (i.e. a pupil sitting National 4 and has a

Working Grade of 1 is currently On-Track to achieve a secure pass at National 4). The table below gives some examples:

Working Grade	SQA Award at N4
1	PASS
3	PASS
5	PASS
7	NOT ACHIEVING
8	NOT ACHIEVING

Teachers and pupils have been discussing assessment results, setting targets, and identifying any areas for improvement. Teachers have included these comments in the report. These comments will support you in discussions you may have with your child about their schoolwork and how they can achieve their target grades as they move into S4.

Please note that, due to technical system issues, ratings for Science and Social Subjects are currently only displayed for one subject for a small number of pupils. If your child is studying two subjects in either area, updates will be available early in the new term. If you have any queries, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher.

I hope you find this report helpful in providing information about your child's progress. If you have any issues you wish to discuss further, please contact your child's pastoral care teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



Mr McKee
Depute Head Teacher