

CALDAY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Changes to Assessment (Parents of Year 7 and 8 students in 2015/16)

As you may be aware, the way in which schools are to assess students is changing across the country in response to governmental changes in assessment policy. It is for each school to decide how their own assessment is altered to reflect these changes.

This letter is designed to assist our students and parents with understanding these changes and what it will mean for your son at Caldly Grange Grammar School over the next few years .

Years 7 and 8

Whilst students are in years 7 and 8 in this school; all assessment will relate to national curriculum levels, in order to be consistent with the KS2 levels achieved in primary school. Levels range from level 3 to level 8 and are sub divided into A, B and C with A being the top third of the level and so on. The school expectation is that on average, students will progress by 2 to 3 sub levels each year.

Targets will be set at the beginning of year 7 that ought to be achieved or even surpassed by the end of the two year period.

Years 9, 10 and 11

By the time that your son reaches year 9, the current GCSE system of grading (A*-G) will have been replaced in all subjects by a numerical grading system from 1 – 9 (9 being the highest). Therefore all assessment during this period will be done using the 1 – 9 system and students will finish their GCSE with a set of numerical grades rather than the letters used currently.

Students will receive targets at the beginning of year 9 that relate to the 1 – 9 system, these targets should be achieved or even surpassed by the end of the three year period.

Attached to this letter is some more information regarding the new grading structure.

Years 12 and 13

By the time your son reaches Year 12; all Advanced Level examinations will be two year courses with students taking examinations at the end of Year 13. There are currently no plans to change the grading structure, which is, at the moment A*- G. All school assessment will also match this grade range.

As a school we are trying to react to national changes in a way that least confuses parents and students.

I hope that this assists parents to understand the changes that are being made but if you have any questions related to assessment then do please contact me at the school.

Kind regards

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