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Dear Parent/Guardian

This letter should reach you with your son/daughter's final school report. The report contains the latest information from each subject teacher regarding current performance, projected grades and specific targets to address in the final stages of the A Level course.

You should also receive a report of Student Attendance Statistics for the period from 28 November 2016 to 10 February 2017. This details the total number of lessons recorded in this period and the number attended, and shows whether or not absences have been officially reported or authorised.

If you have any comments regarding the assessment and reporting system, please write these on the enclosed reply sheet as we are keen to improve the learning process. Please sign and return the reply sheet as soon as possible.

Please note that funding of public services including education is facing significant pressure in the immediate future. In this context it has become clear to us that Sixth Forms in schools and colleges **will not now receive funding for students who wish to repeat courses**. In practice, this means that we are not able to offer students who are disappointed with their results the opportunity to return to classes to repeat courses in order to improve performance.

Where there are significant pastoral reasons for the underachievement (for example a serious on-going medical condition) cases will be considered individually. We are determined that this will not affect the overall ethos of the Associated Sixth Form, which has a proven record of supporting students of all abilities in pursuit of their potential.

May we take this opportunity to remind parents of the requirement of the Associated Sixth Form that students continue to wear smart, business-like dress throughout the year, **including the examination period and study leave**. Students' lanyards should also be worn visibly at all times. This helps us to control the security of the school sites and to ensure that students provide a suitable role model for younger students and within the local community. Senior Tutors reserve the right to send students home if they are inappropriately dressed, for example wearing trainers, shorts, jeans, tee-shirts or vests.

We look forward to working with you and your son/daughter towards the best possible results at the end of the A Level course.

Yours sincerely

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