



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the changes taking place to assessment and reporting this year. As I am sure you are aware, we are continuing to see significant changes in education at national level. One of these key areas is the changes made to the way schools assess students.

To ensure we have a robust and effective assessment and reporting system at St Edward's we have reviewed and developed the way our processes work and these are outlined in this letter.

During the academic year, we will track and monitor progress of students through a variety of assessment methods. These include on-going informal tests, teacher assessment and peer- and self- assessment. There will also be three key assessment points each year for each year group, when a formal assessment will take place. This data is recorded centrally, and will be communicated to you via your son or daughter's report. After each formal assessment and report cycle, any intervention will be identified and put in place where required. Regular assessment enables us to measure your child's progress towards his or her expected outcomes and put in the required support.

To ensure you are fully informed of the progress of your son or daughter we will be providing you with the following information.

- 3 Data reports showing your child's progress and effort in each subject. This will include an end of Key Stage prediction, currently working at grade, homework and classwork.
- A Teacher and Parents and Carers Consultation Evening where you can meet the subject staff.
- A Tutor and Parents and Carers Consultation Evening where you can meet the pastoral staff.
- A formal tutor report which will include a summative overview of the academic year.

Year 8 Key Dates

Tutor and Parents Consultation Evening	Thursday 5 th October 2017
Assessment Point 1 Begins	Monday 30 th October 2017
Data Report 1 Sent Home	Wednesday 22nd November 2017
Assessment Point 2 Begins	Monday 15 th January 2018
Data Report 2 Sent Home	Wednesday 7 th February 2018
Teacher and Parents Consultation Evening	Thursday 22 nd February 2018
Assessment Point 3 Begins	Monday 30 th April 2018
Data Report 3 Sent Home	Wednesday 23 rd May 2018

In addition to this information we would encourage you to contact your son or daughter's Tutor or Year Leader if you require individual meetings or further information regarding this or any other matters relating to your son or daughter.

Year Leader Contact:

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I hope this letter explains in more detail the assessment and reporting process for this year and if you do have any questions please do contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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