

**Curriculum Update**  
**Report Card 1 – November 2022**

Dear Student, Parents, Carers,

The autumn **Report Card** will be published on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** on MyVarndean for students and through [our Varndean Parent Portal](#). If parents are yet to register for the parent portal then please do so via our [website](#).

Our student community is thriving with our students making excellent progress and we hope you find that the report card reinforces this. Report cards will indicate the progress of learners within three areas; Engagement in Learning, Independent Learning and Overall progress. Definitions of these measures can be found within the report cards. You will also find feedback from teachers on how further progress can be achieved.

For all learners we have indicated a “minimum target grade”. The minimum target grade has been statistically generated from GCSE performance using national data and provides a useful benchmark from where we can measure progress.

Students are awarded two progress grades:

**Current Grade** = *How well the student is currently achieving in the subject. The evidence on which we base the judgement comes from Key Assessments completed in the period since the last report card (or the beginning of the year)*

**Working towards grade** = *Based on key assessments and approaches to learning so far, if student x was to continue making the same level of progress for the remainder of the course then they will likely achieve the following grade in their final assessment.*

To further support our Year 2 A level and GCSE students to prepare for their final exams, we will be holding full mock exams during our internal assessment week which will take place from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. The results of these assessments will feature on mark books and feed into the Spring report cards which are made available in late February.

**Our Parents ‘Consultation Evening for Year 1 and Pre-Advanced students** is taking place online on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November (surnames A-K) and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December (surnames L-Z) appointments can be made between 5pm – 8pm**. Details on how to book these appointments will be sent to students and parents shortly. All year 1 and pre-advanced parents are welcome to book an appointment, but we would particularly like to see the parents/guardians of students whose progress is below the expected level.

Our **year 2** parents’ consultations will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 where we will give feedback on performance in the mock exams.

We hope you will find the Report Cards useful. If you experience any technical issues then please do contact [our IT Support team here](#) and we will do our best to help.

Best Wishes,



James Gordon  
Deputy Principal