



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Assessment Strategy and School Reports

As most of you will be aware by now, across the past two years GCSE assessment has undergone significant transformation. GCSE grades are now awarded on a scale of 9-1 as opposed to the old A\*-G grades. For further information and advice regarding these changes please see the attached parent factsheet prepared by the Department for Education. You will note from the documentation timeline that some subjects are still yet to examine their first formal public examination. As a result, accurate predictions of grades on the new system are made very difficult. I would ask for your patience during this period and please understand this should you see your child's grades fluctuate across time. We endeavour to improve the rigour of our assessment structure and will continue to amend this further when information and guidance becomes available to us.

These changes have presented challenges for all teachers and schools across the nation. At The Buckingham School we have updated our internal grading system to match the changes made and as a result, teachers and leaders have been working hard to develop a thorough and rigorous assessment structure to ensure we measure your child's progress accurately. We have recently completed further review of our assessment framework and I write to inform you of changes we have made and invite you to be involved in the next stage of our developments.

We will complete more formal, summative assessments toward the end of each school term. These assessments will be completed and progress reports made available to you at the following dates:

Summer Term 2018 Assessment Fortnight	Week Commencing 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Progress Reports Published	Week Commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Autumn Term 2018 Assessment Fortnight	Week Commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
Progress Reports Published	12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Spring Term 2019 Assessment Fortnight	Week Commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Progress Reports Published	27-29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Summer Term 2019 Assessment Fortnight	Week Commencing. 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Progress Reports Published	10-12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

To improve the support to our students ahead of these assessments, we will be improving the provision of our study and revision skills delivered by staff across all years. We are also keen to involve stakeholders as we review the progress reports we provide to parents and carers. Should you be interested in joining a focus group regarding school reports, please email me at [proberts@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:proberts@buckinghamschool.org) by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Alternatively, should you have any queries regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me also.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Roberts  
Interim Deputy Headteacher

