

# Lancaster Royal Grammar School



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To All Fifth Year Parents

Dear Parent,

## *Grades system for the Middle School*

This letter is to inform you about the current grades system operating in the middle school. Grades are monitored by issuing a grade from A\* to D in each subject. **These grades are a measure of the standard of work in a particular grades period.**

The grades sheet accompanying this letter will also provide information about target grades. It is possible that your son's target grade may have been reviewed and changed following the summer examinations.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Level of Attainment</b>
A*	Exceptional
A	Very good
B	Generally good
C	Just acceptable
D	Low standard

## **An effort grade will also be given in every subject**

A plus symbol will be used to indicate effort above expected standard.

An = symbol will be used to indicate effort is to the expected standard.

A minus sign will be used to indicate effort is below the expected standard.

The number at the bottom of the grades column is a percentage and represents an average of your son's level of attainment in all subjects, based on the following scores:

Grade	Score
A*	10
A	9
B	8
C	7
D	6

In English some groups may be working on both a Language and a Literature project over the grades period and will receive two grades. Other groups may be working on either Language or Literature topics and will receive a single grade. This is why the percentage is calculated.

The grades score will help you to track your son's performance throughout the year. The pro-forma below should help to explain the system.

**The grades score no longer compares actual grades against target grades.**

	<i>Target Grade</i>	<i>Half Term</i>	<i>End of Term</i>	<i>Half Term</i>	<i>End of Term</i>	<i>Half Term</i>
<b>English Lang</b>	A*	A +	A =			
<b>English Lit</b>	A*	B =				
<b>French</b>	A	B =	A =			
<b>Mathematics</b>	A*	A* =	A*			
<b>Physics</b>	A*	A* +	B -			
<b>Chemistry</b>	A*	A* =	A+			
<b>Biology</b>	A	A =	A =			
<b>Technology</b>	A	A +	B +			
<b>R.S.</b>						
<b>History</b>	A	A =	A =			
<b>Geography</b>						
<b>German</b>	A	B -	B =			
<b>Spanish</b>						
<b>Latin</b>						
<b>Greek</b>						
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>						
<b>Music</b>	A	A -	A =			
<b>Grade Score</b>		90	88			

- When a boy continues to perform consistently at a level above the target, the target may be raised.

Targets will be reviewed after each internal examination. Heads of Departments will devise, with colleagues in their departments, procedures to support pupils who are below target in their subject.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely

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