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To: Parent of First Year boys

Dear Parent,

The Grades System at Lancaster Royal Grammar School

I have recently received enquiries from a number of parents about the LRGS grades system and I thought it might be useful to send a letter to the parents of all pupils in the First Year explaining how the system works. The grade cards are used as part of our system for (a) recording boys' progress, (b) informing boys and their parents of this progress and (c) encouraging boys to fulfil their potential in future work. Many other methods are also used including the examinations, reports and Parents' Evenings.

Your son will receive sets of grades at regular intervals through the year. On the back of the grade cards you will find an explanation: for example a grade 1 implies work of the highest level whereas a grade 5 indicates very poor work. The grades do not reflect a specific, standardised mark and may even be interpreted slightly differently by individual members of staff but we hope that they give parents and boys a broad indication of the level of performance achieved over a half term period. The use of '+' and '-' signs gives an indication of effort to provide further information to parents. It is, of course, possible for a boy to be trying hard but for him still to achieve a modest grade, whilst others, who are specially strong in a particular subject, may score well with relatively little effort.

You can be assured that we **always** contact parents if there is any major cause for concern about a boy's behaviour or performance in school. Equally, you are welcome to contact your son's form tutor (or Housemaster in the case of boarders) or Mr Burns, the Head of Lower School, if you are worried about anything.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A. BURNS
Head of Lower School