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Dear Parents/Carers

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Year 11 Learning Check March 2017

We are writing to let you know that from 3.30pm on Friday, 31st of March, your son or daughter's learning check will be ready for you to view on Go4Schools.

The attributes that we are reporting on represent important employability skills. These are the skills and dispositions that are important for success in the world beyond school.

The following key learning behaviours and dispositions are reported on:

Attribute	Description
Motivation	Refers to how hard a student works both within the classroom and outside of it. It therefore also refers to homework and test preparation. It is also an indicator of a student's attitude towards learning.
Independent learning	This vital skill refers to how effectively a student can work on their own. This will therefore indicate how effectively homework tasks are undertaken and to what degree a student can use their own initiative and drive to develop their own learning.
Resilience	Resilient students make more progress because they do not give up. They ask questions and find innovative solutions to promote learning. They show grit when the going gets tough.
Behaviour for Learning	In addition to the measure of how well a student behaves, this is also an indication of how well organised a student is and how well prepared a student is for learning.
Communication and relationships	This is a measure of how well a student can communicate their ideas to others. It also indicates how well a student can work with others, contributing and sharing ideas.

We will indicate how effective your child is in each of the learning areas by using the following descriptors:

Code	Description
Applying	Student effectively applies this learning skill or attribute.
Developing	Student is developing their use of this learning skill or attribute.
Rarely	Student rarely uses this learning skill or attribute.

Core PE uses the following grading system to report progress:

Code	Description
PA	Platinum award. This is the highest level of achievement in PE.
GA	Gold award.
SA	Silver award.
BA	Bronze award.
TB	Towards Bronze. This indicates that students are making progress towards their Bronze award.

Health and Social Care, IT, BTec Construction, Business Studies and Engineering use the following grading structure:

Code	Description
L2D*	Level 2 Distinction *
L2D	Level 2 Distinction
L2M	Level 2 Merit
L2P	Level 2 Pass

Level 2 qualifications are equivalent to GCSE standard qualifications – Pass is equivalent to a GCSE grade C, Merit is equivalent to a grade B, Distinction is equivalent to a grade A and a Distinction * is equivalent to an A*. These qualifications are also offered at lower GCSE level and appear as Level 1 qualifications (L1P, L1M, L1D)

Please note also, that this year for the first time English and Maths will be graded on a 1-9 system instead of grades A*- G. A level 4 in Maths and English is a pass and is equivalent to a C grade. A level 5 is to be known as a 'good' pass.

Yours sincerely

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