



St. Joseph's RC High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This year the Sixth Form at St Joseph's, along with all other schools in Newport, have opted to use ALPS (Advanced Level Performance System) as a means of target setting for students in Years 12 and 13 as they prepare for both AS and A Level examinations. ALPS makes predictions as to what students should achieve as a minimum grade based on their overall performance at GCSE.

Students have worked through these grade predictions with their form tutors, but should also now have received individual interviews with their subject teachers, where they discussed the most appropriate grade to set as an individual target. It may be that in this discussion both student and teacher decided that the ALPS grade was not sufficiently challenging, and have set it one grade higher. These targets will appear on all of their reports, the first of which should be completed in November. There will also be the opportunity to discuss these targets at the parent evenings in December.

ALPS will help us to monitor and track performance throughout the year, and enable us to identify any student who is falling behind or performing below their minimum expected grade. With this information, we will be able to intervene and offer additional support and guidance. Working together, we can attempt to ensure that all of our students are provided with all they need to achieve the grades they deserve.

If you have any questions about ALPS or would like to discuss this further then please contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Ryan
Head of Sixth Form

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