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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to explain how we use rank order assessments to help students in Key Stage 3 make the best possible progress.

Recently, the students in Key Stage Three took some formalised assessments. We have now marked the assessments and will soon be reporting home to parents on the results.

What is a Rank Order Assessment?

A rank order assessment is a system that allows us to see how well each student is doing compared to others in their year group. The results create a ranked list, from the highest to the lowest scores. This is not to label students, but to identify strengths and areas for improvement.

Why Do We Use This Method?

Rank order assessments are important because they:

- ➢ Help students understand their progress They can see how they are doing compared to their peers.
- Highlight gaps in knowledge This allows teachers to focus on areas where students need extra support.
- ➤ **Encourage motivation** Students are more likely to take ownership of their learning when they see where they stand and how they can improve.
- **Ensure high expectations** The process challenges every student to do their best.

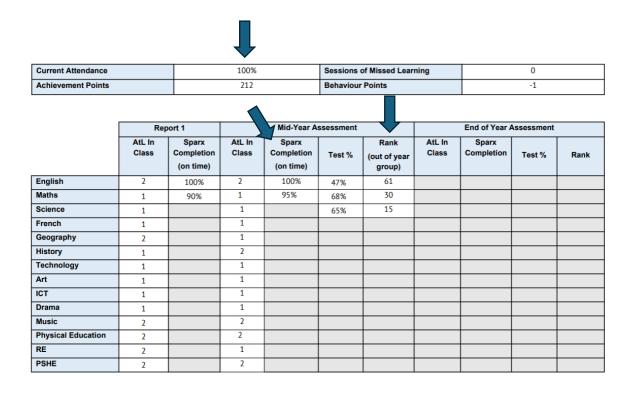
How Does This Support Learning?

After each assessment, we review the results carefully. Teachers use this information to plan lessons that address gaps and build on strengths. Students will also receive feedback on how they can improve, so they know exactly what to work on. The goal is to help every student reach their full potential by giving them a clear picture of their progress and next steps.

How can I see my son or daughter's position on the rank?

On the report sent home with your son or daughter, you can see where the student has come by looking at the 'rank' column. This will show you their position on the rank. The lower the number, the higher the student has come in the rank. A rank of 1 would indicate they are the top performer in their year group. We will provide students with a physical copy and email a copy home to you so you can view your child's rank position.





Please be aware that the report will also show you other vital information such as your child's Sparx completion. Sparx completion should be 100%. This shows that your child has completed all their homework consistently. You will also be able to view vital information such as reward points and attendance.

Will we show all the students results?

No. We will only show the top 60% of students in the rank. The rest will simply be a code which identifies the students and keeps them anonymous. We have fully prepared students through a **series of assemblies** to ensure that students understand how we will show the students their rank. These assemblies have also been followed up with the chance for students to speak directly with members of the Senior Leadership Team to gather student voice.

How long will the rank be displayed for?

The rank will only be displayed for 24 hours in the canteen. Students will have a chance to look at their rank and identify their areas of improvement and then the rank will be removed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's education.

Yours sincerely

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