



Denbigh School
The Specialist Technology College
In Milton Keynes

To the Parent/Guardian of Year 10 students

3rd November 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Target Setting at Denbigh and an Invitation to the Year 10 Target Setting Presentation on Tuesday 24 November.

Throughout KS3 you would have been aware of the target level to which your son or daughter was aspiring by the end of Year 9. A similar process is followed at KS4 whereby every student is set individual targets to which they should aspire in their GCSE examinations. These targets are outlined on the enclosed progress sheet.

At Denbigh, we set ambitious targets that help us to focus our planning and to move students towards and in many cases above the standards they would otherwise strive for. We believe that ambition drives success and students, staff and parents should have high expectations.

The targets we set for students at Denbigh take account of different starting points for different students and we also consider the contribution the school can make to the student's learning. We use a wide range of performance data to set the targets, which includes prior attainment at KS2 and where appropriate KS3. A national data base is then used to compare the progress of similar students in similar schools to produce a challenging target grade. At Denbigh we believe that we need to track student progress towards their target grade and intervene where appropriate.

As parents you will receive regular progress data that will inform you of the progress that your son or daughter is making towards their target grade, and staff at Denbigh will use student targets alongside their own assessment and monitoring of student progress to inform what happens in the classroom.

Monitoring progression towards targets is key so that we can celebrate success or help to plan for intervention and support, for individual students, so that it happens at the right time to make a difference.

Parents of Year 10 students are invited to the Year 10 Target Setting presentation which will take place on Tuesday 24th November, alongside your son's or daughter's tutor consultation afternoon. At this presentation I will outline the whole target setting process at Denbigh in greater detail and explore ways in which we can work together to help students be successful in their GCSE examinations.

I will deliver 3 identical presentations, of approximately 20 minutes duration, in the meeting hall on November 24th at 2.00pm, 3.00pm and 4.00pm to which you are invited. Tea and coffee will be available to parents should you need to wait between tutor appointment times and the start of the presentation. Please note at 2.30pm, 3.30pm and 4.30pm similar presentations will be given to the parents of Year 8 and Year 12 students.

Yours sincerely

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