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Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to issue you with your child's first academic report of the year. Their report has also been issued **online** via the SIMS Parent App. If you have not already signed up to the app, we have resent you the joining instructions via email from SIMS. Please follow the link within the email to set up your account. Further guidance can be found in the Parents' section of the College website. This is the final printed report that you will receive for your child; all future reports will be issued **online via the app**.

Following teacher, parent and student feedback from last year, together with national research, we have made some changes to the way we assess and report at the College.

Ivybridge Community College is an effort driven College and we believe that 100% effort every day is the biggest factor in student success. Research and feedback have also indicated that government driven Target Grades based on Key Stage 2 data can be limiting and demotivating for students. Therefore, in line with our PACE policy in College and our focus on effort, we will no longer be issuing students with Target Grades. We believe that with hard work every day, there is no limit to a student's potential.

We will now also be reporting a Conduct Grade for your child as well as an Effort Grade. Both are awarded on a scale of 1 – 4 and the criteria is printed on the report. Please note that the Effort criteria has changed and therefore we do expect that Effort Grades of 2 and 3 are those most likely to be awarded.

Further details on the information provided in your child's report can be found in our Assessment Guide on our website. Please take the time to read this carefully.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Academic Performance Leader or Tutor in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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