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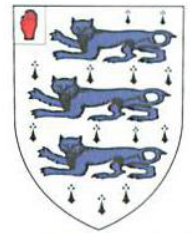
# THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

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## ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Dear Parent/Carer

### Re: Year 8 Reports – TP3 – End of Year Tracking Point

We have recently published the Tracking Point 3 report for your child on Sims Parent App. In order for you to access the report successfully, I would recommend that you check that the Parent App is installed and the notification settings are active. If you are having difficulty with the Parent App, please contact Mrs Howells at school: [bjh@thomasadams.net](mailto:bjh@thomasadams.net) so we can help. This letter is to provide some accompanying information about the report.

### Attitude to learning:

The attitude to learning expectations which help give an overall view of your child's approach to lessons in school, these are:

1. Be on time to all lessons.
2. Be ready to learn in correct school uniform and equipped for the lesson.
3. Act upon feedback to improve your work and seek advice when you need it.
4. Respond to questions in lesson and contribute when you can.
5. Try your best in all lessons, all of the time.
6. Never disrupt the learning of others with poor behaviour.
7. Complete all of your classwork and homework with excellent presentation and on time.
8. Respect everyone and everything within the school community.

### Reporting on A2L

Below are the 3 codes that staff will use to reflect your child's attitude to learning in their subjects. Your child should always be aiming to receive an 'ME' code on their report. If your child receives an 'NY' it means they are not meeting the expected standards in full. The report will also highlight with an 'X' which of the learning expectations the teacher thinks they need to improve. This should aid informed discussions at home.

A2L Key	EE	Exceeding Expectations	You are exceeding our learning expectations in the lessons.
	ME	Meeting Expectations	You are meeting all of our learning expectations.
	NY	Not yet Meeting Expectations	You are not yet meeting all of our learning expectations.

### Reporting on progress

At the beginning of the year your child sat some baseline tests in school, we have used this data to create expected grades for your child to be working towards this year.



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Your child will have recently sat some in-class 'end of year assessments' in their subjects. These have been used in this report to give us an indication of whether your child is 'Above', 'On', 'Near' or 'Below' their flight path grade for that subject, indicating if they are where they are expected to be in each subject at this point in the year. This is reported home in the 'Progress' column.

### **Nationally Expected End of Yr 11 Grade**

This column indicates the grade that your child has at the end of their flight path for each of their subjects. This has been calculated using national average statistics of grades awarded to students with the same KS2 prior attainment for that subject, it will vary for each subject. This should be more useful when looking at their progress comments as you will be able to see what they are aiming for at the end of Year 11. *For example, if your child is 'Above' in English, with a 'Nationally Expected End of Yr11 Grade' of a 4, then your child is working above their flight path grade, on a flight path that ultimately ends as a 4, so they are on track to achieve higher than this at the end of KS4.*

### **Important:**

*You may notice that there is no Drama information on your child's report, this is due to some unexpected staff absence. We do not believe it would be fair to comment on 'progress' and 'attitude to learning' in this subject for groups affected by these absences. If you are concerned about your child's progress or attitude in this subject specifically, then please do contact the subject leader to discuss this.*

We hope that having this available to you it will give you clear idea of how your child is performing at present and provide you the opportunity to have a conversation about their progress and attitude to learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr James (Head of Year 8): [sej@thomasadams.net](mailto:sej@thomasadams.net) with any general concerns, your child's **subject teacher**/s with any specific issues, or myself ([rsw@thomasadams.net](mailto:rsw@thomasadams.net)) with any queries concerning understanding the report itself or target grades etc.

Please follow the link to view a short video explaining the reports in further detail;  
<https://thomasadams.net/curriculum-organisation/>

### **Consultation Afternoon**

Please see the letter regarding details of the remote consultation afternoon for Year 8, taking place Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, this will offer an opportunity for you to discuss this report in further detail with your child's subject teachers.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs R Wilkinson  
**Senior Teacher – Data and Assessment**