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Dear Parent/Guardian

**“Letting them in on the secret”**

As you may be aware, over the last few years, students at Maiden Erlegh Trust Schools have been involved in a process of setting themselves ambitious academic targets based on information provided by Fischer Family Trust. The Fischer Family Trust is an independent, non-profit organisation which is mainly involved in undertaking and supporting projects addressing the development of education in the UK. In this our aim is to promote student engagement and involvement in their own learning and progress.

On Friday 24 September during the tutor period students in Year 9 and 10 will be given revised subject estimates generated by FFT on the 1 to 9 GCSE grading system. Each year these estimates are revised to take account of the most recent examination performance by the previous year group. Year 8 and 11 will be given revised subject estimates generated by FFT on Friday 1 October.

For each subject a percentage estimate is given for achieving each grade in that subject. The average grade is also shown and students are encouraged to choose a target grade that is one grade above this average. These estimates are intended purely as a guide to help you, your child and their teacher set, or review, their “student own” target grade.

For example, if your child has a 46% chance of achieving a grade 6 in Biology and a 21% chance of gaining a grade 7 then the estimates are telling you that 1 in 5 of similar students will go on to gain this higher grade 7. With support, and their desire to do well, could your son/daughter be one of those students who achieve the grade 7?

The students will be set a weekend homework to make a preliminary suggestion about the target they wish to set themselves and record it in the right hand column. During the lessons over the following two weeks their teacher will discuss this with them and, using their professional experience, will help guide your child to an agreed student own target.

I am writing today to inform you about this process and engage your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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