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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Reporting knowledge and skills at KS3

I am writing to inform you of several changes to the KS3 assessment structure this year. Changes in the curriculum have meant that there is a focus on knowledge, skills and the application of these, as such it is impossible to test all aspects of a course in one assessment piece. We have decided to move towards a model where each subject area is focusing on key strands of knowledge and skills. In each strand, there is an expected standard that we believe students should be achieving by the end of the year.

All departments have written a list of expected standards for Years 7 and 8 and have also identified the steps students need to take to achieve or exceed these.

In order to measure how students are doing we have introduced five standards shown in reports including:

- Working towards
- Working towards plus
- Working at expected standard
- Working above
- Working well above

Copies of the KS3 standards are available on the school website www.haileyburyturnford.com located under the curriculum tab. They can also be located by clicking on the link here <https://haileyburyturnford.com/expected-standards-ks3/>

Students will not receive a target grade for KS3, but will focus on meeting or exceeding the expected standard for their year group. This will be reported on throughout the year, along with an Attitude to Learning grade (ATL).

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like further information.

Yours faithfully

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