

# ASSESSMENT & REPORTING TO PARENTS AND CARERS

## What you can do as a parent or carer

- Download the SIMS Parent App to access all reports and interims (see page 16).
- Ensure that you talk to your child about their interim and annual report.
- Congratulate your child on any areas where they are on or above target.
- Discuss any subject areas that are below target and ensure that they know how to improve. Keep talking about this to keep them focused.
- Let us know if they are not sure about how to improve.

## What we do at KNGS

- We will send you two interim reviews and an annual report each year in addition to parents' evenings.
- We will text you to let you know that interim reviews and the annual report has been issued.
- We welcome questions and will help you to understand the assessment system. Please contact your child's Head of Year initially.

## Interims Reviews

These are issued at the end of the Autumn and Spring terms. The interim review gives brief information on effort and the level of attainment that students are expected to achieve in each subject by the end of the year.

## Annual Report

This is issued in the Summer term. The annual report, produced in the Summer Term, will take into account progress throughout the year as well as end of year examinations.

## Assessment and COTTA grade

At KNGS, our system of assessment is based around the concept of a Progress Path. This is the path that a student follows as they develop their knowledge, skills and understanding from Year 7 to the point when they take their GCSEs in Year 11. Students join the school with a wide range of abilities and it is our expectation that they make good or outstanding progress from their starting point. Students are set a Progress Path for all subject based on their attainment from primary school and baseline assessments at KNGS.

We will report your child's progress using COTTA (Currently On Track To Achieve) grades. The COTTA grade is a representation of the knowledge and skills that your child is currently on track to achieve at the end of Year 11. This COTTA will be fine graded where; A is strong, B is Secure and C is emerging. For example, **6A**, indicates the student is currently on track to achieve **grade 6** in year 11 if they continue to make similar progress in their knowledge and skills in that subject and this grade is **strong**.

If the COTTA Grade matches the progress path, appropriate for your child's prior attainment from primary school their progress will be considered good. Outstanding progress represents a grade or more above that expected. Many of our students achieve this and we encourage our students to stretch and challenge themselves to get the best results of which they are capable. Where students are not on track to achieve their given grade, they will be supported to close the gap.