

Be Your Best Self

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Dear Parents

Key Stage 3 English Curriculum

In the English Faculty we have been doing some exciting work on our Key Stage 3 Curriculum. We have been adapting and reviewing our Schemes of Learning to make them relevant, engaging and appropriate, in order to prepare students for the demands not only of Key Stage 4, but also to build the communication skills they may need across other subjects and later on in life.

With this in mind we have slightly changed the way we report on students' attainment throughout the three years of Key Stage 3 in English. This year the first attainment level we reported was based on their **writing** skills, the second will be on the **speaking and listening and oral communication skills** and the third will be on their **reading** skills. The motivation behind this is to provide a coherent and accurate picture of their performance across all strands of English, as well as to help them develop these skills. Obviously we continue to provide formative feedback and targets to the students based on their classwork.

If you therefore see some inconsistency in their performance across the three strands this may be why, and should mean that you can have a meaningful conversation with your child about their strengths and areas for development in each strand of English. If you have any further worries or concerns, or would like clarification about any aspect of reporting please contact Laura Boddy, KS3 Leader for English at l.boddy@tgs.starmat.uk.

Thank you and kind regards

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