



# Atlantic Academy

Part of the Launceston College Multi Academy Trust

Dear Parent / Carer

11th October 2019

## **Pupil progress reporting - 2019/20**

At Atlantic Academy, we aim for young people to become happy, successful and responsible by learning the knowledge, skills and values which are important for society. Over the last few months, we have reviewed and refreshed our curriculum, and will be updating our website to share with parents and carers the programme of study we are following in each curriculum area.

We have also reviewed how we are assessing pupil progress and how best to communicate this with home. Each curriculum area has mapped when they will use formal assessments, which allows students to prepare over time for the rigours of GCSE exams, with informal assessments inter dispersed throughout the curriculum year. Progress data will now be collated 3 times per academic year, and reported home to parents, along with a prediction of student progress based on current performance and how well students are demonstrating positive learning behaviours. These reports will be sent home in the second half of each term.

As part of our MAT wide developments in teaching and learning, this term we have introduced 6 great learning habits to students. By incorporating these learning behaviours into student activities in class and independent study, students will be able to reflect on their own progress and make steps to improve their knowledge and skills in each subject. More information on learning habitats can be found on our website.

Following feedback from parents, instead of sending one annual school report, we are reinstating set times each year when student books will be sent home. This will allow students and parents/carers to review the work undertaken in books, the feedback provided by teachers to support pupils to improve and how students have acted upon this. Students will be asked to consider what they are proud of, and areas they want to improve upon; this self reflection is a powerful learning tool supporting students to take control of their own learning.

We ask that teachers formally mark work at least once every 3 weeks, dependent on the frequency of the classes, and that students act on feedback given to improve their own learning. Work will be sent home at the October and May half terms, and we ask that you take this opportunity to find out

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more about what students are learning in school. We will be trialling how to best share the learning undertaken in practical subjects with parents of Year 11 students in the coming weeks.

Parent teacher meetings will run from 3.30pm to 6pm this year, allowing more appointments per teacher to reflect our growing school.

Appointments will be booked via a link from the School Gateway App for the Parents Evening System. We ask all parents to either download the app, or familiarise themselves with the website [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). Please make a note of the parent teacher meeting dates for this academic year, the portal to book appointments will open approximately 10 days before each meeting. Pupils' books will be available to review at the meetings, please allow time for this when booking appointments with teachers.

Year 7 - 9/6/20

Year 8 - 5/5/20

Year 9 - 3/3/20

Year 10 - 24/3/20

Year 11 - 3/12/19

In addition, we will be holding our first learner led review day, on Tuesday 11th February 2020, from 8.30am to 6pm, where parents will meet with their child and their coach, to review progress in learning, achievements, attendance and behaviour for learning. Students will be provided with work to complete at home for the rest of this day, as teaching staff will be involved in the review appointments. We will be able to offer supervised internet access for students to complete their self study, book able in advance, for pupils where they do not have access to the internet to complete their work at home. Appointment times for this review day will open in January 2020 to allow parents to best plan their days.

Finally, thank you to parents who have fed back on the eContact book and the system which shares behaviour information. We have just initiated an alternative system which will share pupil achievements, attendance, behaviour for learning and student timetables through our School Gateway app. All these features are now live, along with the booking system for school lunches, and links to the parent evening bookings and parent pay.

Alternative arrangements to allow parents to easily view homework tasks and resources are currently being investigated. We are also working to improve our website and other mechanisms to share pupil achievements and information with parents, including a half termly newsletter; the first edition will be shared with parents by email via the School Gateway app before October half term.

Should you need support in accessing the School Gateway app, or for any other information, please contact the school office or your child's coach. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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