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CA/hr/Y10 MEGs  
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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

I hope this letter finds you well.

As you are no doubt aware, at St Joseph's College we set each student a Minimum Expected Grade (MEG) in Year 10, in readiness for their GCSEs. This is so that we can measure their progress accordingly. These MEGs are created in conjunction with an organisation called ALPS. Usually, ALPS uses a student's Key Stage 2 SATS scores in order to produce the MEG. However, as you know, your child did not sit Key Stage 2 SATS due to the pandemic. For this reason, when your child joined St Joseph's College we completed a Cognitive Abilities Test with them known as the GL CAT4 test. This is a standardised test which allows ALPS to extrapolate the MEG.

The MEGs we are using are intended to be aspirational and pitch our attainment in the top 20% nationally. GCSE courses will have MEGs in the form of 9-1 and there will be no 'split' grades such as 8/7. Students will be informed of their MEGs via an assembly with myself and their Head of Year and they will have chance to discuss any concerns with their form tutor in the first instance. Subject leaders and subject teachers, alongside your child's Head of Year and form tutor will continue to monitor performance and progress throughout their GCSE courses. These MEGs will inform discussions of progress with subject teachers at future parents' evenings and they will also appear on your child's report from now on.

Finally, ALPS MEGs are not designed to cap your child's progress, nor are they designed to put your child under any undue pressure. The MEG is exactly the same for each subject your child studies. They may well be a confident mathematician and therefore feel very comfortable with the MEG they have in maths, but feel as though it's just too high in another subject. This is often the case and very much depends on each individual student and their areas of strength. Their form tutor will do some more nuanced work with each student to ascertain their individual aspirations in each subject area.

Finally, if you have any questions, please feel free to email me - [cappleyard@stjosephsmail.com](mailto:cappleyard@stjosephsmail.com)

Yours sincerely,

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