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Dear Parents/Carers

Please find enclosed a copy of your child's report. The way in which we report in Key Stage 3 has changed this year so this will be a little different to what you have had in the past. We have done this in line with the comments from you in our Parent Survey earlier in the year.

In this report you will see that your child has been given a rank target and a current ranking. To explain this in more depth:

- **Rank Target** – when your child joined Morton they sat a series of assessments called MIDYIs tests, these assess a range of different skills and gave the academy a set of scores we can apply to different subjects. Your child would be given a rank grade from A – J. If your child has a rank A they would have scored in the top 20 of the year group, rank B would be the next 20 students and so on.
- **Current Ranking** – your child has recently sat mid-year assessments, using the scores from those assessments your child has been ranked again from A - J. Ideally your child should be in the same ranking grade, if there is a change teachers will be using this to look at why this may have occurred. We also compare our test scores against students in other academies to make sure their progress academically is secure.

The reason we have changed the system is that currently there is no agreed national grade system for students at Key Stage 3. When your child starts their KS4 courses in Year 10 you will then receive GCSE grades as well as rank grades.

Each subject has also listed the key skills or knowledge students should be grasping as they progress through their studies. Teachers will have assessed these as secure (strong evidence), emerging (student is on track to grasp the skill/knowledge) or not evidenced (which means that there is not enough assessment evidence yet).

We understand that this type of report might be a bit different to what you are used to, but we are hopeful that this will become clearer as it embeds across the school. We have produced a short video explaining the new report format and this can be found on our website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.rma.org.uk/news/17032023-reporting-to-parents-202223-a-video-guide>. We would, however, like to ask you to provide any feedback about this report to help us develop it further. Please use this link to do so if you wish: <https://forms.office.com/e/pwEPJyVERg>

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Andrew Harding on andrew.harding@rma.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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