



September 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

## **SENIOR PHASE TRACKING REPORTS**

At Tynecastle we believe that our young people achieve their very best when they are supported by home and school working in partnership.

Following consultation with parents, students and staff, we will this session produce six tracking reports for all senior phase students (S4, 5 and 6).

Over the first few weeks of term teachers have, in discussion with students, agreed aspirational targets for each subject area. For National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher courses these targets will be expressed as grades A, B or C. For National 4 courses, targets will be expressed as 'P' for Pass. Please note that these targets are set to indicate aspirations in relation to SQA results which will be published in August 2018.

Tracking reports also advise 'Next Steps for Improvement' (expressed in codes which are explained in our key). It is recommended that you and your child together review this advice, and agree next targets and actions. If your child has 'Off Track' subjects, Support for Pupils staff will be in touch with you.

Information about the courses being studied by your child can be found on the Faculty pages of our school website, which can be accessed using this link:  
<http://tynecastlehighschool.org.uk/faculties/>

When the second of our six tracking reports is published, further explanatory information will be made available.

In our new look reports, information about your child's attendance can be viewed on the front page. Also included in this package is a Merit/Demerit report, which lets you know about any 'positives' or 'negatives' which have been part of your child's recent school experience.

**Dates for your diary (overleaf)**

## Dates for your diary

- Thursday 21 September - Open Evening
- Friday 6 October - **Tracking Report 2 issued**
- Monday 16 October – Monday 21 October (inclusive) – October break
- Friday 10 November - **Tracking Report 3 issued**
- Tuesday 14 November – Senior Phase Parent Consultation (Surnames A-K)
- Wednesday 22 November – Senior Phase Parent Consultation (Surnames L-Z)
- Friday 15 December - **Tracking Report 4 issued**
- Monday 25 December – Tuesday 9 January (inclusive) - Christmas Break
- Wednesday 10 January – Thursday 18 January – S4-6 Prelims
- Friday 26 January – Burns Supper
- Monday 29 January – Senior Phase Information Evening
- Friday 8 February - **Tracking Report 5 issued**
- Monday 12 – Friday 16 February (inclusive) – February Break
- Friday 23 March – **Tracking Report 6 issued**
- Friday 30 March – Monday 16 April (inclusive) – Easter Break
- Monday 30 April – Monday 4 June – SQA Exams

Thank you for working in partnership with us to make your child's learning as successful as possible. If you have any further questions about any of these items of information, or any other aspect of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact his/her Support for Pupils teacher:

Braemar	-	Ms Louise Moultray
Dunvegan	-	Mr Ross Rahimian
Tantallon	-	Mr Oliver Cook
Support for Learning	-	Mrs Roni Cheung
EAL	-	Mrs Joy Hutchinson

We also welcome your feedback in regard to our new approach to reporting on your child's progress.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Angela Bell – Year Head S4, S5 and S6