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The Martlet Award

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Michaelmas half-term break, I thought that I would take this opportunity to inform you of The Martlet Award updates for this academic year

Following a full review of our pilot year experiences during the academic year 2014-2015 we have identified and modified two main areas.

Area 1:

The 2014-2015 Pilot Martlet Grade Criteria Grids have all been slightly edited. They are now more detailed and encompass many more of the skills and knowledge pupils at Bromsgrove School are expected to achieve. Staff have all been involved in creating the new grids, which truly reflect the broad and balanced opportunities and high-attaining experiences your child receives here at Bromsgrove. They remain as the original seven areas of learning: Core Academics (Languages), Core Academics (Sciences), Humanities, Creative Arts, Performing Arts, Sport and Bromsgrove Qualities.

Area 2:

The 2014-2015 Grade Criteria Assessment has also been moderated with the following headings; *Emerging, Expected, Exceeding, Significantly Exceeding*. At the end of the two year programme the children will still have the opportunity to achieve a Pass, Merit, Distinction or a Headmistress' Honour in their Martlet award.

It may be helpful to use the following guidelines and remember that these scores are cumulated over a period of two years:

To reach the overall Martlet Award result for each pupil the following formula applies:

Headmistress' Honour = 24+ points
Distinction = 17-23 points
Merit = 10-16 points
Pass = 9 points or less

Children can score up to a maximum of four points in each of the seven learning areas:

Headmistress' Honour = 4 points
Distinction = 3 points
Merit = 2 points
Pass = 1 point

Each Teacher will meet with their pupils on a 1:1 basis and complete a Target Setting consultation. Your child will know the two clear Martlet targets they are to work on during the rest of this term.

(Please note children may also have subject specific targets in English or Maths, or if working on an Individual Education Plan, separate learning success targets).

These targets will be written in their homework diaries and should be shared with their parents.

Parents will be invited to a Parents' Evening after half term with their child's Teacher and these targets and progress can be discussed in more detail, with each child's Martlet Grade Criteria Grid shared with parents. This more detailed Parents' Evening will replace the target setting report which has previously been sent home at the end of the Michaelmas Term. New individual targets will be set in the Lent and Summer terms with a full written report sent home in the summer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Deval-Reed