



SIR JAMES SMITH'S
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: HERBs Report - Cause for concern over attitude to learning

Every half-term teachers provide a score telling us what impression they have of the attitude to learning shown by the students they teach. The results of this latest monitoring can be found in your child's homework planner.

The monitoring looks at four different things:

- Homework – How well organised are students to complete homework, revision and independent study tasks to a suitable standard?
- Effort – How much commitment, application and resilience do they show in this subject?
- Readiness for Work – How motivated are the students at the start of lessons to engage with learning?
- Behaviour for Learning - Are the students behaving in such a way that learning is enhanced, satisfactory or disrupted?

Further details of the definitions above and how teachers judge them can be found on the School's Website under the 'Parents' section.

We are writing to make you aware that your child's HERBs Report identifies a number of areas of concern and hope that by bringing this to your attention they will make some improvement.

Progress made and the attitude to learning shown by your child will continue to be carefully monitored by their Form Tutor and Year Director. We all hope there will be improvement when HERBs information is gathered again.

If you would like to discuss the concerns in more detail please contact the school and make an appointment to see or to discuss the matter with your child's Form Tutor.

Yours faithfully

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A copy of this letter will be placed on the student's file.

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