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Dear Parent/Carer

### Changes to reporting arrangements

At Open Academy, we regularly review our processes and procedures to ensure that our students receive the best education and opportunities possible and to ensure that parents receive regular, accurate and timely information about their child.

To that end, we are making changes to our reporting system from September 2016. Reports will no longer be posted out to you but will be available electronically through the SIMS Parent Portal. This can be accessed from any PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone using your personal log-on details which will be provided in a separate letter. Achievement and effort data will continue to be provided three times per year. Full written reports will continue to be provided for Years 10 to 13. However, we are replacing written reports in Years 7, 8 and 9 with an additional parents' evening early in the year as we believe that face to face discussion is more productive than a written statement which can be out of date by the time it is received by parents and carers.

The SIMS Parent Portal, mentioned earlier, provides access to a great deal of other information on your child. You can check attendance, rewards and sanctions, homework assignments and completion among others.

To provide support to parents, the Academy will run a series of after-school drop-in sessions during which parents and carers can see the Parent Portal in action and ask any questions they have about parental communications. Dates for those sessions after the summer holidays will be posted on the Academy website.

In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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