The Henry Cort Community College

Assessment—Everyone is aiming to be secure or better!

Remember **you** are in control of **your learning** – if your learning is *not secure* what can YOU DO to help?

Have you tried **SAM Learning**? Are you completing your **home learning**? Have you used your **personalised learning checklist** to identify your strengths and areas to improve? Have you **read and acted** on your teacher's feedback?

KEY STAGE 3

From September 2016, you will no longer be levelled using the old system of 4A, 5C etc. A new grading system is being introduced which indicates how well you have understood or demonstrated skills in that particular unit of work, based on your performance in the final assessment. The aim is to develop a secure understanding of the key ideas needed for successful performance in KS4. The scale is:

Mastered Excellent progress	Demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of all concepts and skills in a unit of work. Students aiming for grades 8 or 9 should be achieving this in their assessments
Secure Making good progress, on target	**Has a secure understanding of the main concepts and skills when applied to familiar contexts.**
Developing Some progress, approaching target	Grasped most of the main concepts and skills in a unit of work, and is approaching 'Secure', but some areas require development.
Emerging	Beginning to grasp some of the main ideas and skills in a unit of work.

KEY STAGE 4

In years 10 & 11 grades are currently changing from old letter grades (eg A*, B, D) to numbers from 9 to 1. 9 is the top grade and equivalent to being above an A*. The old 'C' grade is now a 5. You will be given a **Current Working Level,** the grade your work is currently achieving. It may be the result of a recent test or assessment in class or some home learning and a **Projected Grade,** which is the grade that your teacher thinks you will achieve by the end of your course, if you maintain your current effort. Each grade is divided into three sections:

1's or A's eg C1 (old GCSE) or 5A (new GCSE)	100% secure at that grade	With a bit more effort you stand a good chance of achieving the grade above
2's or B's eg D2 or 3B	75% secure at that grade	You are fairly secure at that grade. With attendance at revision sessions you should make this grade.
3's or C's eg B3 or 7C	50% secure at that grade	You are just as likely to achieve this grade as the one below – work hard and be independently revising to ensure you get this grade