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RICHMOND SCHOOL & Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Guardian

We wish to draw your attention to the school's new criteria for assessing pupils' progress in Drama at Key Stage 3.

With a view to making Drama levels more comprehensible and meaningful to pupils and parents, we have recently adopted the criteria suggested by the Arts Council. These levels clearly outline expected progress through Key Stage 3, and can be seen in the *letters to parents* section on the school website, www.richmondschool.net (or contact the school's Creative Arts Administrator for a paper copy). Please bear in mind that most pupils have not been taught Drama before entering Year 7, therefore the expected progression in Key Stage 3 is from Level 3 to Level 5.

Please note that each level represents a higher attainment than under the old criteria. For this reason, you may find that your child's target and/or current level is lower (or no higher) than in their June 2009 progress check. Please be reassured that this does not indicate a dip in your child's attainment, merely a change in the assessment criteria. The Arts Council levels are designed to be challenging and to represent a significant achievement in the three core areas of making, performing and responding to drama.

If you have any queries about the new criteria or your child's progress in Drama, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Drama staff.

Yours faithfully

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