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Dear Parent,

I am writing in conjunction with your daughter's challenging, and hopefully, successful and exciting forthcoming year.

I anticipate that you will be pleased with your daughter's recent science results, which have hopefully placed her one step closer to success in August 2010. However, if your daughter is unhappy with her results, please note that the pupils are only allowed to take a maximum of three re-sits. This is to ensure that pupils do not over-burden themselves in terms of workload – particularly with mock examinations at the end of this term.

As I am sure you are aware, at the start of term pupils were given the opportunity to capitalise on the *Reach for the Stars* study skills session which they had at the beginning of last year. This year, the pupils enjoyed a half-day workshop from the same *Learning Performance* team on memory techniques, a-mapping methods and managing the stresses of the forthcoming year. The pupils' evaluation forms showed how valuable they perceived the day's activities.

Please find overleaf some information on the GCSE coursework which your daughter will be undertaking this year. I hope this information will be useful to you in your continuing support during a busy and significant year, and useful to your daughter in realising her full potential.

I am eagerly anticipating a day of happiness and success in August 2010, as I am sure you are. Please note that the GCSE Results Day is **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010**. We hope that your daughter will choose to continue her studies into our outstanding Sixth Form, where pupils' educational experiences really do come into their own. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the Sixth Form entry requirements for King Edward VI Handsworth School. Pupils are expected to gain a minimum of five A grades in order to continue to Sixth Form, as well as an A grade in the subjects which they wish to study at AS Level.

I am sure we share the same desire for your daughter to reach her potential in 2010 and I hope that the enclosed information proves useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Limb  
Pupil Achievement Leader for Year 11