

Headteacher: Mr Andrew Brant BSc, PGCE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the last few years there have been a number of wide ranging reforms in education. The government has introduced new qualifications at KS4, along with a new '1-9' grading system. At KS3, national curriculum levels have been abandoned and schools now have to come up with their own assessment systems.

At Perry Beeches III, we have spent a considerable amount of time researching various assessment approaches and visiting other schools. This ensures that we get our assessment system right so that teachers, parents/carers and students know exactly the grade at which they are working and, more importantly, what they need to do to improve.

Attached to this letter is a guide for our new assessment system that we are calling 'Mastery'. You may be aware that students have already been introduced to the new system. There has already been a lot of excitement around school, with students discussing their Mastery Grades and working hard to achieve this.

This is just the beginning of the mastery process and over the next two weeks we all have a lot of hard work to do to ensure that the new assessment approach is embedded in all aspects of school life.

In order for our learners to achieve success it is very important that parents and carers understand how children are being assessed, so that we can all support our students. Therefore, in addition to the attached Mastery and Assessment Guide, we would like to invite you to a Mastery information event on **Thursday 20th October 2016 at 6.00pm**. During this event, we will go through our new assessment approach and be able to answer any questions you may have. Over the coming weeks we will also be adding lots of information on our website that will enable you to support your child during their time with us at Perry Beeches III.

If you would like to attend the Mastery information event please return the slip below no later than Tuesday 18th October 2016. We are very excited to see the impact that Mastery will have on our young people and work with you to ensure your child achieves mastery in their subjects.

Yours Sincerely

Mr A Brant
Headteacher
Perry Beeches III

Mr M Bernard
Assistant Headteacher
Perry Beeches III

I wish to book a place at the Mastery information evening on **Thursday 20th October 2016 at 6.00pm**.

Student Name: _____ Student Form: _____

Please return this form to your child's form tutor no later than Tuesday 18th October 2016.