

NMB/SES/Year 7 Autumn Grade Reports
January 2017

TO PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Dear Parents / Carers

YEAR 7 GRADE REPORT – AUTUMN TERM 2016

Your son's / daughter's grade report is now available to view on Sims Learning Gateway.

1. CURRENT PERFORMANCE LEVELS

This report tells you the GCSE level that your child is currently working at in all their subjects. As your child is in Year 7, it is likely that they will be working towards the bottom of the 9 – 1 scale (9 being the top grade available at GCSE) and in a number of cases, they may still be either working towards (WT) a grade 1 or may even still be at Entry Level (EL). This is nothing to be concerned about provided their effort grades are good.

Broadly speaking, expected attainment for Year 7 students is anywhere from a 1+ to a 3- grade. Students who are working above a 3- are achieving above the expected standard and those achieving below a 1+ are currently working below the standard typically expected of a Year 7 student. It is important to understand that learning occurs at different rates and a child who is below the expected standard at the moment may very well still reach the expected standard by the end of Year 11.

It is also important to be aware that students may well be performing better in the core subjects (English, Maths, Science) and subjects where they may have a particular talent (such as Art) than in subjects they may have had less experience of, or which have very specific skill sets (including Computer Science, French, Geography, History and Music). Again, this is nothing to be concerned about if their effort grades are good.

2. EFFORT / BEHAVIOUR / HOMEWORK GRADES

The Effort Grades indicate how well your child has worked this term. The Homework Grades indicate whether the homeworks set have been carried out satisfactorily or not. The Behaviour Grades relate to behaviour in the classroom.

3. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Please check your personal details (name, address, etc.) and inform the general office of any changes (office@shirley.croydon.sch.uk). Any queries regarding attendance marks, please contact the Attendance Office (attend@shirley.croydon.sch.uk).

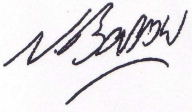
4. NEXT STEPS

To ensure that your child makes the minimum rate of progress that we expect of all students it is absolutely essential that he / she:

- Knows his / her current GCSE sub-level per subject
- Knows specifically what he / she has to do to progress to the next GCSE sub-level per subject by asking the subject teachers
- Acts on the advice given to him / her by the subject teachers

Should you have any concerns about your son's / daughter's grade report, please do not hesitate to contact their tutor. The next grade report will be issued at the beginning of the Summer Term to reflect progress made in the Spring Term 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N M Barrow', with a stylized flourish underneath.

N M Barrow
Principal