

TO PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Dear Parents / Carers

YEAR 7 GRADE REPORT – SPRING TERM 2017

Your son/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. 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:

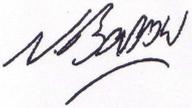
- Knows his / her current GCSE sub-level per subject
- Knows specifically what he / she has to do to progress to the next GCSE sub-level per subject by asking the subject teachers
- Acts on the advice given to him / her by the subject teachers

If your child is 'below' target (blue) I would encourage you to discuss this with him / her and how he / she intends to get back on target. Should you have any concerns about your son's / daughter's report, please do not hesitate to contact their tutor.

Please check your personal details on Sims Learning Gateway (name, address, etc.) and inform the General Office of any changes, either via the website or by email (office@shirley.croydon.sch.uk). Any queries regarding attendance marks, please contact the Attendance Office (attend@shirley.croydon.sch.uk).

The next grade report will be issued at the end of the summer term to reflect progress made in the summer term 2017. Year 7 Written Reports will be available to view on Sims Learning Gateway on **May 26th 2017** and the Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 8th June 2017**.

Yours sincerely

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N M Barrow
Principal