

NMB/SES/Year 8 Autumn Grade Reports  
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## TO PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Dear Parents / Carers

### YEAR 8 GRADE REPORT – AUTUMN TERM 2016

Your son/daughter's grade report is now available to view on the Sims Learning Gateway. The colour coded report details the following information:

#### 1. CURRENT PERFORMANCE LEVELS

These levels range from 1 (lowest) to 8 (highest). As the range of attainment within a National Curriculum level is quite broad, we have broken down the levels into three parts e.g. 5a, 5b and 5c. This is to give the parent/carer, the school and the student, a better idea of the progress being made. For example in a subject your child may have reached level 5c (a low level 5) but by the end of year in the Summer Term, your child should have reached a level 5a (a high level 5) as we target students to make a minimum of two sub-levels of progress in an academic year. The 'Current Performance Levels' on the report show the levels at which your child is working, at the present time in each subject and this has been linked to his / her Autumn term target. In the column 'End of Year 8 Target' we have informed you of your child's target to achieve at the end of the year. A 'progress range indicator' has been included which identifies whether a student's progress is within an acceptable range. The 'progress range indicator' per year will be: Year 8 = -1 to -3 sub levels, Year 9 = -1 to -2 sub grades and Year 10 = -1 sub grade.

#### If your child:

- Is **below** any subject Autumn term target in the column headed 'Above/Below Autumn Target' then for each subject it will be '**blue**' with a minus figure shown. The minus figure will inform you of how many sub-levels below the target he / she is currently at.
- Is **on** any subject Autumn term target in the column headed 'Above/Below Autumn Target' then for each subject it will be '**green**' with an 'On Target' statement shown.
- Is **above** any subject Autumn term target in the column headed 'Above/Below Autumn Target' then for each subject it will be '**red**' with a figure shown. The figure will inform you of how many sub-levels above the target he / she is currently at.

#### 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.

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

### 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 sub-level per subject
  - Knows specifically what he / she has to do to progress to the next 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.

The next grade report will be issued at the beginning of the Summer Term to reflect progress made in the Spring Term 2017. The Year 8 examinations will begin the week commencing **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. Subject teachers will be informing students about arrangements for these examinations, which should be recorded in Student Planners.

Yours sincerely

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

N M Barrow  
Principal