

NMB/SES/Year 8 Spring Grade Reports
April 2017

TO PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Dear Parents / Carers

YEAR 8 GRADE AND WRITTEN REPORT – SPRING TERM 2017

Your son/daughter's grade and written reports are now available to view on Sims Learning Gateway. The colour coded grade 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 5b (a medium 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 Spring 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 Spring term target in the column headed 'Above/Below Spring 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 Spring term target in the column headed 'Above/Below Spring Target' then for each subject it will be '**green**' with an 'On Target' statement shown.
- Is **above** any subject Spring term target in the column headed 'Above/Below Spring 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.

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.

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. The Year 8 Parents / Options evening will take place on **Thursday 4th May 2017**.

Yours sincerely

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

N M Barrow
Principal