

## TO PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Dear Parents / Carers

### YEAR 9 GRADE REPORT – SPRING TERM 2017

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

#### 1. CURRENT PERFORMANCE GRADES

These grades are in line with GCSE grades U (lowest) to A\*(highest). Please refer to the table overleaf. As the range of attainment within a GCSE grade is quite broad, we have broken down the GCSE grades into three parts e.g. E1, E2 and E3 or 2+, 2 and 2-. 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 a GCSE grade E2 (a middle GCSE grade E) but by the end of year in the Summer Term, your child should have reached a GCSE grade E1 (a high GCSE grade E) as we target students to make a minimum of two sub-grades of progress in an academic year. The 'Current Performance Grades' on the report show the grade 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 9 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 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-grades 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-grades 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:

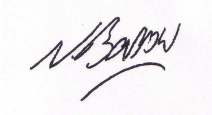
- Knows his / her current sub-grade per subject
- Knows specifically what he / she has to do to progress to the next sub-grade per subject by asking the subject teachers
- Acts on the advice given to him / her by the subject teachers

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 ([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)).


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 9 in-house examinations will begin the week commencing **Monday 15<sup>TH</sup> May 2017**. Subject teachers will be informing students about arrangements for these examinations, which should be recorded in Student Planners.

Yours sincerely



N M Barrow  
Principal

### New 9 - 1 GCSE Grading System - Linking in with the present A\* - G GCSE grades



Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	
3	D
2	
1	
U	U