

General Promotion Criteria for Students

(For Academic Year 2018/2019)

The aim of this policy is not to send students away from the School but rather to support them in solving their academic and/or pastoral issues. However, the School will ask students to leave if it becomes evident that they no longer benefit from what the School offers and/or their behaviour is hindering other students' learning. The School uses the following Promotion Criteria when assessing a student's ability to move into a higher class/year:

From Years 1 to 5: A student's promotion to the next class will come into question if the following conditions apply:

- There is an E grade for English Language.
- There are two E grades, or three D grades (or a combination of these) in any subjects.

Promotion issues are discussed at the end-of-year Promotions Meeting composed of relevant staff. Crucial to this discussion will be the Effort Grades obtained, the student's potential for improvement and their discipline record. If serious weaknesses persist, Year 3 is the best opportunity for a student to leave the School and continue with his/her education at another school. Attendance of less than 85% (this is the minimum requirement) and accumulation of more than 30 behaviour points will bring the students promotion into question. Those students achieving D or E grades will be asked to study over the summer break and re-sit their end-of-year exams at the beginning of September.

From Year 5 to 6: A minimum of six (I)GCSEs with grades of A*-C (grades 9 to 4) are required which must include English Language and Mathematics. Grade B (grade 6) is preferred in those subjects chosen as options. For Mathematics a grade A (grade 7/8) is required for the normal A level and grade A* (grade 8/9) for the double maths courses coupled to adequate performance in any maths exam taken in Year 5. Obtaining a grade C or lower, in an option subject will require the permission of the Head of Department for a student to continue. The end of Year 5 is another opportunity for students with serious academic weaknesses and/or behavioural problems to leave the School and continue their education elsewhere.

From Year 6 to 7: For a student to be promoted to Year 7 they must achieve a Grade D in at least three of the four AS studied in Year 6. This is the minimum academic requirement for promotion to Year 7. Students failing to achieve these requirements will be asked to repeat Year 6 or leave the School.

Issuing of a Leaving Certificate: Students and their parents should be aware that a Leaving Certificate will only be issued if the graduating student has passed six (I)GCSEs with grades A*-C, an AS Level and three A Levels in subjects taken at the School. If a student does not achieve these minimum requirements or chooses to leave at the end of Year 6, he/she will be issued with a Certificate of Attendance showing the qualifications they have gained and the year of graduation.

Together with the academic criteria for all years there is also an attendance criterion in order to qualify for the Leaving Certificate (See separate policy). Poor punctuality, attitude and behaviour will also result in promotion difficulties, particularly if these have affected attainment or the learning of other students. The promotion criteria outlined will be strictly applied since they represent the minimum requirements for the School to build a meaningful academic programme for each student.

Promotion to the Sixth Form (For Academic Year 2018-2019)

Admission to the Sixth Form of the English School is dependent upon satisfactory results at (I)GCSE. The normal minimum requirement for entry to the Sixth Form is SIX passes (grades A* to C or grade 9 to 4) at (I)GCSE in subjects taken at the School. No student will normally be admitted without a (I)GCSE (grades A* to C or grade 9 to 4) in both English Language and Mathematics.

We expect all students admitted to the Sixth Form to pursue a full programme of FOUR AS level courses. Students will normally only be allowed to embark upon an AS Level course if a pass at Grade B (grade 6) or better has been obtained in that subject at (I)GCSE. For mathematics a grade A (grade 7/8) is required for the normal A level and grade A* (grade 8/9) for the double maths courses together with adequate performance in any maths exam taken in Year 5.

Students with fewer than six (I)GCSE passes (grades A* to C or grade 9 to 4) will not under any circumstances be promoted to the Sixth Form.

When establishing the number of (I)GCSE passes of a student, the following rules should be noted:

1. Non-school subjects (such as Accounting) or those studied outside the School will not be accepted. 2. Passes in Modern Greek and Classical Greek will be counted as one pass because they represent the same subject when studied at the School. Additionally the A level in Modern Greek is not included in the six (I)GCSEs required.

Students who do not achieve the minimum entry requirements for the Sixth Form, or for the AS courses they wish to pursue, must either repeat Year 5 or leave the school.

Further to the academic requirements outlined above issues of attendance (see separate policy), attitude and conduct will also be taken into account when promoting a student. Based on the School's records a student may be asked to leave the School for unsatisfactory attendance (less than the minimum of 85%) attitude and / or conduct (more than 30 behaviour points) despite him/her achieving the minimum academic requirements for promotion.

Promotion to the Seventh Form (For Academic Year 2018-2019)

In order to enter the 7th Form and pursue the normal programme a student must normally have secured GRADE D OR BETTER AT AS LEVEL IN A MINIMUM OF THREE SUBJECTS TO BE TAKEN IN YEAR 7.

In the event of a student failing to obtain a pass at Grade D or better in a subject in which her/his MOCK RESULT AND PREDICTED GRADE WERE C OR HIGHER, the Headmaster reserves the right, at his/her absolute discretion and after consultation with Heads of Department and his/her teacher, to allow the student to undertake the A level course and retake the AS exams if necessary.

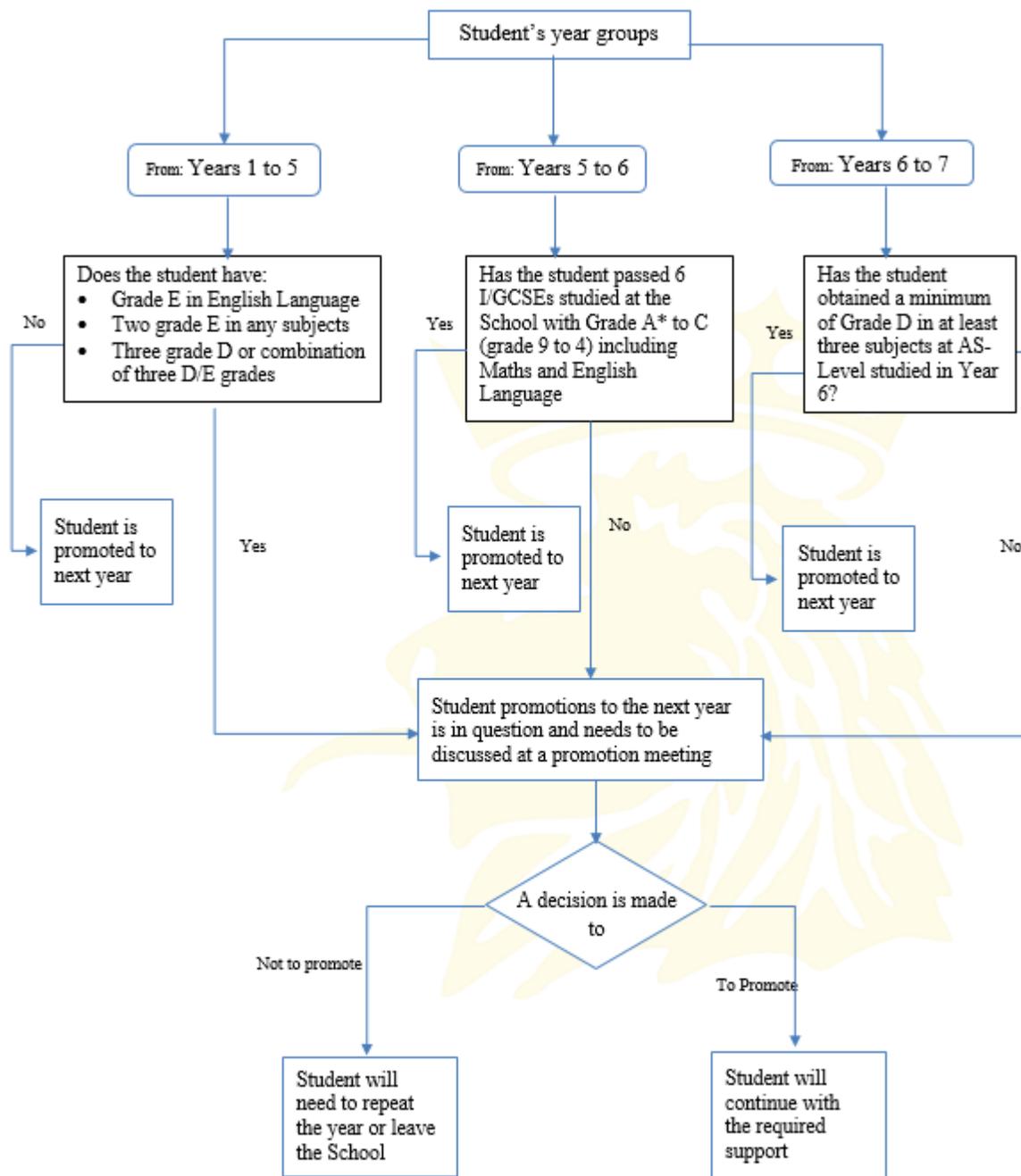
In the event of a student securing fewer than the three AS level passes at grade D required for the study of Year 7 A levels they will either need to repeat Year 6 or leave the School.

Students and their parents should be aware that a Leaving Certificate will only be issued if the graduating student has passed with six (I)GCSEs with grades A*- C (grades 9 to 4), an AS Level and three A Levels in subjects taken at the School. In the event that a student does not achieve these minimum requirements they will be issued with a Certificate of Attendance showing the qualifications they have gained and the year of graduation.

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In the event of any dispute as to entitlement, the decision of the Headmaster shall be final.

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Note: There are also attendance, attitude and behaviour criteria for promotion to the next year group. See policy for details. Students in Year 1-4 obtaining D or E grade will be asked to re-sit their end-of-year exams in September