

# **General Promotion Criteria for Students**

## **For Academic Year 2022/2023**

The aim of this policy is not to prevent students from continuing their studies at the School but rather to support them in handling their academic and/or pastoral challenges. 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 behaviour management 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 student's promotion into question. Those students who are not clear promotion cases, as outlined in the bullet points above, but have achieved 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: Promotion to the Sixth Form**

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 grade 9 to 5 at (I)GCSE in subjects taken at the School. No student will normally be admitted without a (I)GCSE grade 9-5 in both English Language and Mathematics. All examinations must be the school specification, that is, the exam qualification taught by the school.
- In addition, a minimum grade 7 is required in the four subjects chosen as Year 6 options. For Mathematics grade 8 in IGCSE is required for the normal single A level. A grade 9 in IGCSE is needed for the double maths A level courses, coupled with a minimum of grade 7 in the AQA Further Maths exam taken in Year 5. [Refer to Options Booklet for further details about Year 6 subject entry requirements.]

Students with fewer than six (I)GCSE passes grades 9-5, and those who have not secured at least a grade 7 in all of their four Year 6 options, will not be promoted to the Sixth Form. Therefore they will be asked to repeat Year 5 or leave the school.

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

1. Subjects taught outside the school and alternative specifications/qualifications to those studied outside the School will not be accepted.
2. Students who do not achieve the minimum entry requirements for the Sixth Form, or for the Year 6 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.

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.

### **The Year 6 Programme**

All students are expected to follow four option subjects through the Year 6 programme and sit the relevant four End of Year Examinations. This gives students a broad range of academic skills, which universities appreciate, and gives them more flexibility in their Year 7 choices. Many students change their career direction during Year 6, and any student who has four end-of-year exam results retains a choice for his/her Year 7 subjects and an 'insurance' subject in terms of promotion into Year 7. Students who do not complete the four-option subject programme will be deemed to have not completed the normal Year 6 programme and thus will not be eligible for academic excellence school prizes in Year 7. It should also be noted that dropping a subject in Year 6 may also impact on students' grade average for those applying for external scholarship awards where students are expected to have completed the full Year 6 programme.

### **From Year 6 to 7: Promotion to the Seventh Form**

For a student to be promoted to Year 7 they must achieve a Grade D in at least three of the four subjects studied in Year 6. This is the minimum academic requirement for promotion to Year 7. In the event of a student securing fewer than the three Year 6 End of Year examination 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.

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

**Issuing of a Leaving Certificate:**

Students and their parents should be aware that a full Leaving Certificate will only be issued if the graduating student has passed **six (1) GCSEs with grades 9-5** and **four A Levels** (including Greek/Turkish.) All GCE's must be subjects and exam specifications taught 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 leaving the school.


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, (less than the minimum of 85%), poor 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.

**Issue of a Republic of Cyprus Ministry of Education stamped Apolytirion**

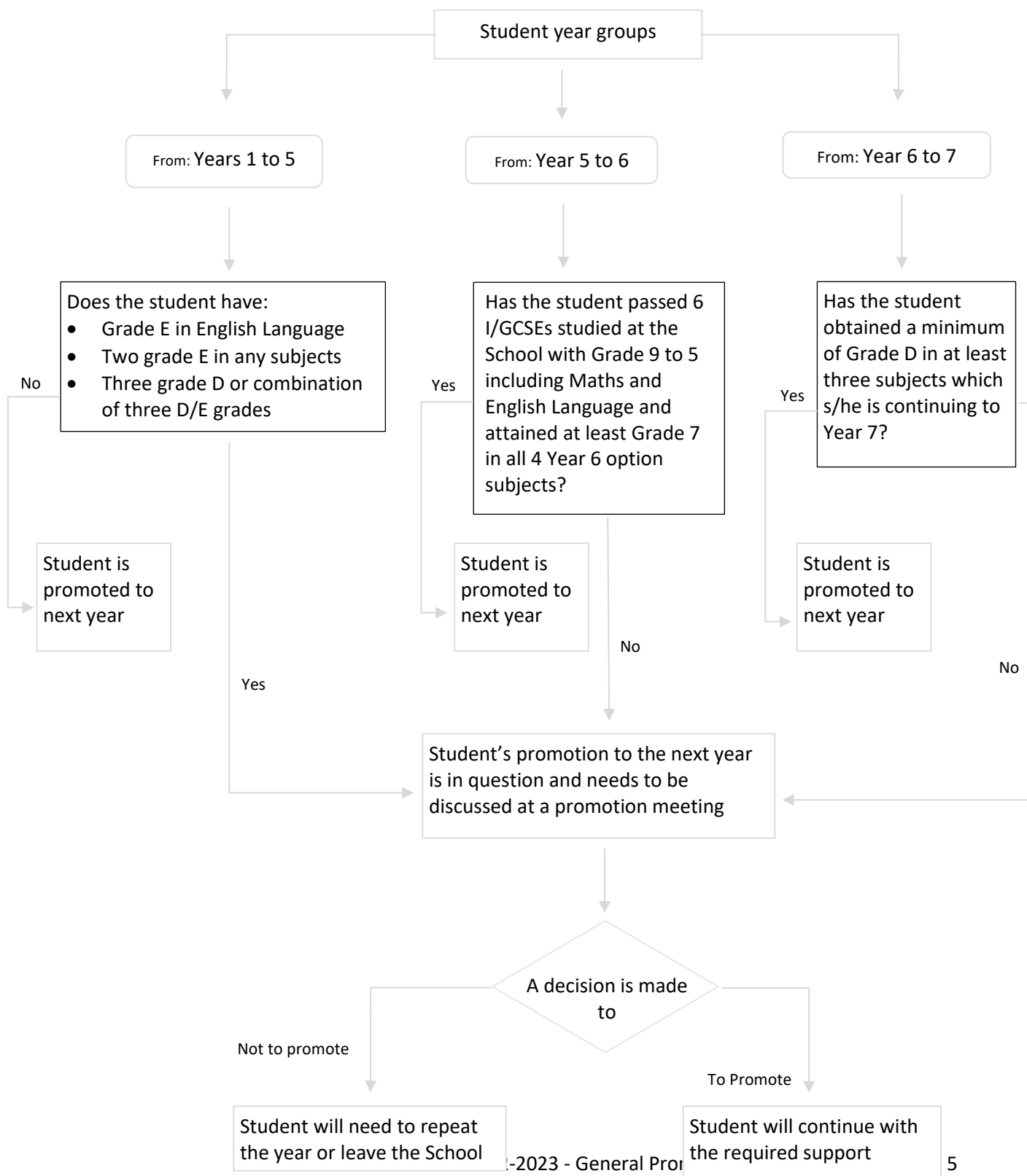
To qualify for a Ministry of Education stamped Apolytirion at the end of Year 7, the following requirements must be met:

- Students must have completed their GCE Greek/Turkish
- Students must have completed three GCE courses at school in Year 7 and sat the appropriate school programme mock examinations in these subjects
- Students must have attended and participated in the Year 7 PSHCE programme

See Sample Apolytirion:

 <small>FOUNDED 1960</small> <b>THE ENGLISH SCHOOL</b> <small>A SECOND CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE</small>	<h1>Apolytirion</h1> <h2>ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023</h2>		
Full Name:	ID No:		
Date of Birth:	Registration No:		
Citizenship:	Apolytirion Ref. No:		
<p>This is to certify that, according to the School's Data Office verification, the student named above has completed the following subjects leading to the award of the Apolytirion as authorised by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth of the Republic of Cyprus.</p>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Periods per 2 weeks</b>	<b>Grade</b>	
<b>Mathematics</b>	17		
<b>Further Maths</b>	17		
<b>Physics</b>	17		
<b>Turkish</b>	4		
PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education)	2		
<b>aaaaaa's Apolytirion grade is:</b>			
Date:	<hr style="width: 200px; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p><b>Mr David Lambon</b> <b>Headmaster</b></p>		
Attendance: 98%			
Definition of Apolytirion Grade:			
19 - 20	Outstanding	15 - 16	Satisfactory
18 - 19	Excellent	14 - 15	Fair
17 - 18	Very Good	13 - 14	Minimum Standard
16 - 17	Good		
This Certificate is not valid unless the school stamp is impressed on the photograph. The English School is registered with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth of the Republic of Cyprus, Reg. No 7.18.06.3, as a full time 7-year Secondary School and recognised under the English School Law of 1960.			

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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.