

General Promotion Criteria for Students

For Academic Year 2021/2022

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 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)GCSE's with grades 9 to 5 are required which must include English Language and Mathematics. All examinations must be the school specification, that is, the exam qualification taught by the school. A minimum grade 7 is preferred in those subjects chosen as options. For Mathematics grade 8 is required for the normal A level and grade 9 for the double maths courses, coupled with adequate performance in the further maths exam taken in Year 5. [Refer to Options Booklet for further details.] Obtaining a grade 6 or lower, does not normally permit a student to continue in an option subject.

In very rare circumstances the permission of the Head of Department may be sought 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 subjects 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 full Leaving Certificate will only be issued if the graduating student has passed **six (I)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, 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

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.

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

Students with fewer than six (I)GCSE passes grades 9-5 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. Subjects not taught at the school or alternative specifications/qualifications to those studied at 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 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 a 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 normally 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.

All students are expected to complete their GCE qualification in Greek/Turkish in Year 6.

Promotion to the Seventh Form

In order to enter the 7th Form and pursue the normal programme a student must normally have secured **GRADE D OR BETTER IN YEAR 6 END-OF-YEAR EXAMS IN A MINIMUM OF THREE SUBJECTS TO BE TAKEN IN 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.

Students and their parents should be aware that a Leaving Certificate will only be issued if the graduating student has passed with six (1)GCSE's with grades 9-5, and four A Levels in subjects, Including Greek/Turkish GCE 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 leaving the school.

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

Issue of a Ministry of Education stamped Apolytirion

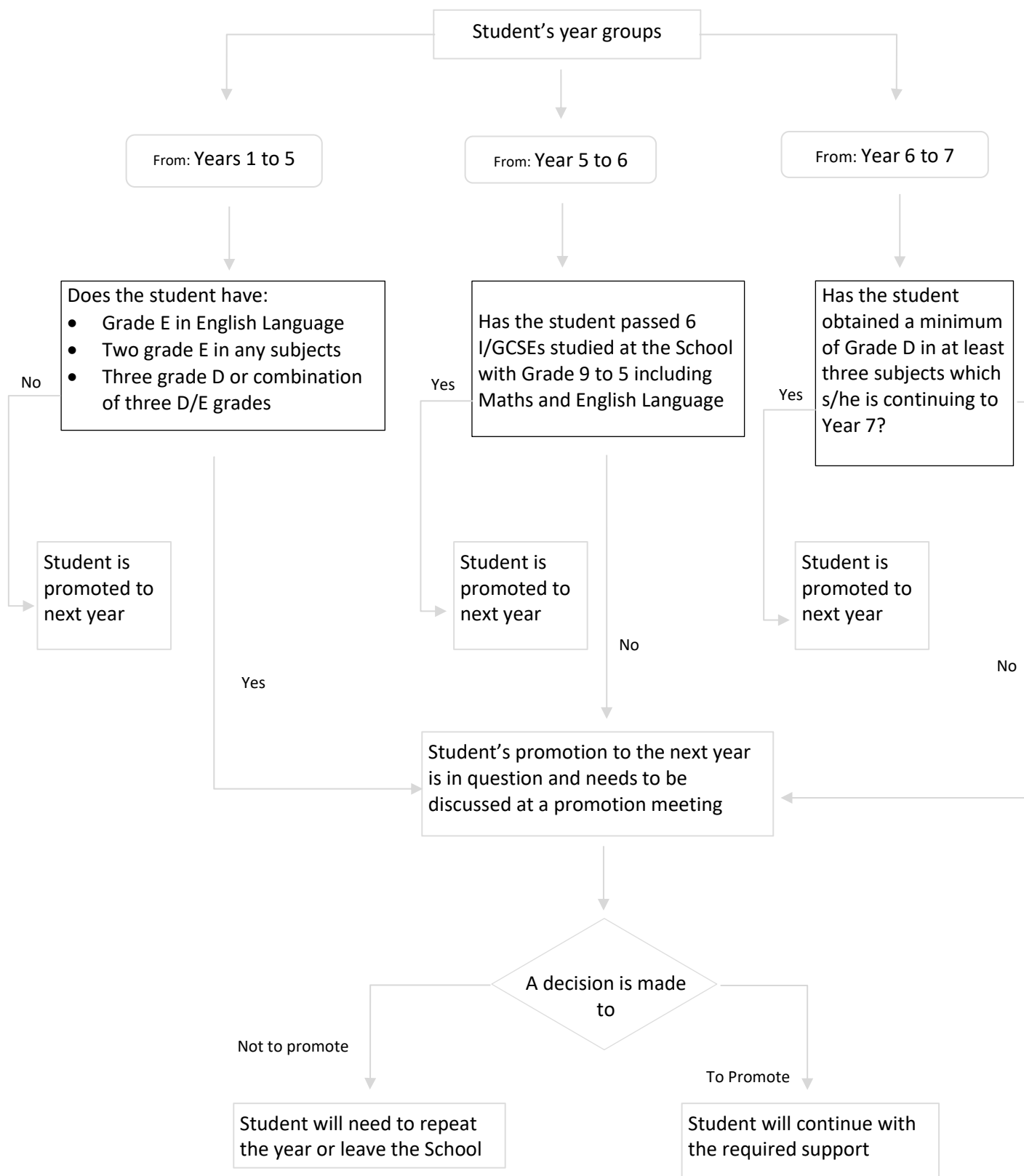
In order to qualify for a Ministry of Education stamped Apolytirion at the end of Year 7, the following requirements must be met:

- 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

Sample of Apolytirion:

 <small>THE ENGLISH SCHOOL A SECOND CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE</small>	<h2 style="color: blue;">Apolytirion</h2> ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 - 2021		
Full Name:	ID No:		
Date of Birth:	Registration No:		
Citizenship:	Apolytirion Ref. No:		
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.			
Subject	Periods per 2 weeks	Grade	
Mathematics	17	20	
Further Mathematics	17	19	
Physics	17	18	
Greek	4	19	
PSHCE*	2	19	
* Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education			
Name Surname's Apolytirion grade is: 19.33/20			
Date: 25 th June 2021			
_____ Mr David Lambon Headmaster			
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		
<small>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.</small>			

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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.