

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 First Report

Your child will be bringing home their first progress report of this academic year on Friday 17th November 2023. Kingshill School uses student pathways for reporting on student progress.

At the end of Key Stage 2 we received details from our feeder primary schools of the levels of attainment in English and Mathematics of each of our Year 7 students. Coupled with our own ongoing assessments of their work since your son/daughter joined Kingshill such details enabled us to determine the most appropriate pathway for them in each subject. The accompanying report indicates the pathway to which your son/daughter is currently allocated for each subject area. From the start of Year 7 the pathways in English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Computing, Modern Languages and Religious Education were closely linked to your son/daughter's Key Stage 2 teacher assessments/guidance. In Art, Design and Technology, Drama, Music and Physical Education there may be more variation in their pathways due to the practical, creative and expressive elements within these subjects.

Your child will receive an end of year target in each subject area and, in subsequent reports, you will receive an indication of where your child is performing in relation to those targets. For more information on this process, please see the attached information sheet entitled 'Cirencester Kingshill School Guide To Pathways'.

Details of the connections between each pathway and the related GCSE target grades are attached. These details can also be accessed via the school website by following the "Info" tab, then "School Policies" and then the "Assessment and Reporting Policy". Annex A of this policy provides an outline of the system and how it relates to the GCSE grades.

Progress Summaries

With regard to Attitude to Learning and Homework the following notes may help:

Attitude to Learning

Excellent – Always tries their best in class & cooperates well with peers

Good – Usually tries their best in class & behaves well

Need for improvement – Sometimes needs to be reminded to work harder in class and/or cooperate

Unsatisfactory – Regularly has to be reprimanded for insufficient effort in class and/or behaviour issues

Homework

Excellent – Outstanding effort and completed on time

Good – Good effort and completed on time

Satisfactory – Satisfactory effort and completed on time

Unsatisfactory – Late, poor quality or incomplete work and/or not given in

Please note that the lowest comments for attitude to learning and homework will show as a 'red' comment on the report and indicate a cause for concern that should be fully discussed with your child. A 'green' comment indicates excellent performance and is worthy of recognition.

We would like to invite you to the Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening on **Tuesday 28th November 2023, between 4.30pm – 7.30pm**. This will be held via our video link Parents' Evening system. Instructions on how to use the electronic video link system are attached. We will be using our online appointment booking system to make appointments. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an automated email confirming your appointments. Please be aware that appointments with staff who teach more than one class may not be possible for all pupils, in which case staff can be contacted via e-mail or telephone at school. The school's SENDCo, Mr Radbourne, is also available to be booked for a meeting. Should you wish to discuss pastoral issues with your son/daughter's Form Tutor then please contact them directly by telephone or e-mail to arrange a separate meeting. We recommend that your son/daughter joins you for the video appointments with their teachers.

Appointments can be made from 7.00pm on Friday 17th November 2023 and will close Friday 24th November 2023 at 9.00am. Should you wish to make any changes after this time please contact the School Reception.

Please visit <https://kingshillschool.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments. The website will require you to provide some details to register. You will then be able to click onto your son/daughter's teachers to book appointments. Each appointment will last for five minutes. An email will then be sent giving you the times of your appointments.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the School Reception who will be happy to make appointments on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Biggs
Head of Year 9

Mr S. Pritchard
Deputy Headteacher