

6th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 7 Parents' Evening Thursday 16th June 2022 3:30 – 6:00 pm

We are pleased to inform you that the Year 7 Parents' Evening on the 16th of June will take place in person. This is an important evening that provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress so far this year.

Appointments can be made on SchoolCloud, which allows you to choose your own time slots with teachers; you will receive an email confirming your appointments. These can be made from 5 pm today and will close at 4 pm on Wednesday 15th June. Please be aware, that if a teacher has multiple Year 7 classes, this will work on a first-come, first-served basis. Should you wish to make any changes after this date, please contact jonathan.bell@st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk.

Please visit <https://stmichaelschurchofengland.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. A short guide on how to add appointments can be found here: <https://st-michaels.sandwell.sch.uk/parent-guide-3/>. When logging in, you will need to include your name and title, the email address you have registered with us, and your child's name and date of birth.

Upon arrival at reception, you will receive your appointment sheet with the bookings made and your child's interim progress report. This includes their current working grade in all subjects, behaviour points and attendance. It will also include their attainment in the recent end of year exams. The students are normally set incremental targets in KS3 based on their KS2 prior attainment. In the absence of SATs due to the pandemic, assessments at the start of Year 7 have been used to determine their starting point.

The majority of subjects use a 9-1 grading system. Please see the table and link overleaf that explains how this compares to old GCSE grades. The grading used in PE, music and drama is different because of the courses offered at KS4. For PE, Gold, Silver and Bronze is used in Year 7 and 8. Grading in drama and music is based on Pass, Merit and Distinction in KS3. Level 2 Pass equates to grade 4 at GCSE, Merit grade 5.5 and Distinction grade 7.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Howden
Head of Year 7

Headteacher: **Mrs C Handy-Rivett, BA (Hons), MA, NPQH**

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

<https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2018/03/02/gcse-9-to-1-grades-a-brief-guide-for-parents/>

In KS3, whole grades are broken down by fine grades to determine how secure the student is at each grade:

Tr-	Tr	Tr+	1-	1	1+	2-	2	2+	3-	3	3+	4-	4	4+	5-	5	5+	6-	6	6+	7-	7	7+	8-	8	8+	9-	9	9+
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L1P-	L1P	L1P+	L1M-	L1M	L1M+	L1D-	L1D	L1D+	L2P-	L2P	L2P+	L2M-	L2M	L2M+	L2D-	L2D	L2D+
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Working towards	Bronze -	Bronze	Bronze +	Silver -	Silver	Silver +	Gold -	Gold	Gold +
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