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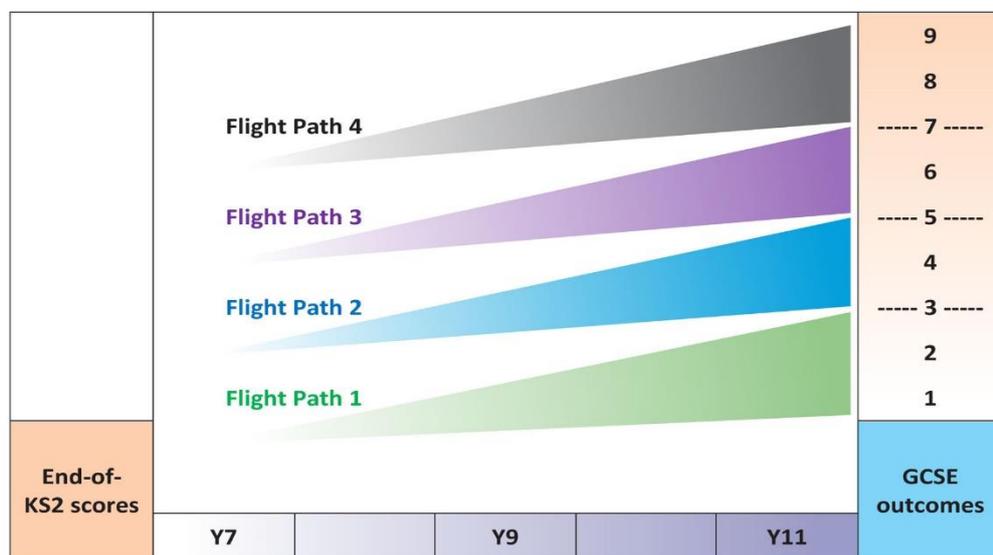
Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re: KS3 Flight Paths for Year 7

At Imberhorne School, we have introduced a 'Flight Path' approach to assessment in Year 7, with the long-term goal of preparing students for success at GCSE and beyond.

Students in Year 7 will be placed on one of four Flight Paths for each subject, therefore students may be on different Flight Paths for different subjects. The Flight Path the students are placed on at this stage is mainly determined by Key Stage 2 test data the school has received from primary schools, but the judgement has been refined by the use of in-house testing and teacher assessment during the Autumn term.

The Flight Paths give an indication of the student's likely progression across the next five years (Year 7 – Year 11) towards a GCSE grade in each subject. The likely progression is given below (please note that the Government have also changed GCSE grades; students will now receive a numbered grade, 9 being the highest grade down to 1 the lowest pass):



Throughout Key Stage 3, parents/carers will receive feedback as to how their son/daughter is performing in relation to their Flight Path. This means that reporting will identify whether individuals are on, below or exceeding expectations. For the great majority of students, the feedback will be that they are on target to achieve their expected GCSE grade.

It is important to note that students will progress at different rates at different times during their school career. Therefore, teachers will have the opportunity to amend student Flight Paths. In most cases, this will reflect progress in a subject where the student has consistently exceeded expectation and the student will move to a higher Flight Path.

The report detailing your child's Flight Path allocation for each subject will be available to you as a downloadable PDF file in SIMS Parent from Friday 13th December 2019. If you need support to access SIMS Parent then please contact our IT Support Team by email to itsupport@imberhorne.co.uk or by calling direct on 01342 310989.

If you have a question relating to a specific subject, please contact the Key Stage 3 leader for that subject, contact details are available on the school website. If you have a more general question, please contact me.

Yours faithfully

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