

Progression Policy Changes 2017 – 18

Similarly to most schools and colleges in the country, Reigate College has removed AS Levels for the majority of students. Therefore, it is truer than ever to say that a student is being enrolled on a two year course. As a result, this has caused a lot of debate nationally as to whether a student can be denied progression from Lower Sixth to Upper Sixth, particularly as a result of academic failure in the Lower Sixth. This is being legally tested in some cases.

The Sixth Form Colleges Association (SFCA) has recommended that colleges carefully consider their Progression Policies. What is clear, is that students are unable to progress for reasons such as poor attendance, punctuality etc. The greyer area is whether students can be prevented from progressing as a result of academic failure.

Reigate College has always had a tradition of supporting students to pass their qualifications and has adopted strategies in the past to give 'worthy' students the opportunity to continue with their qualifications and programme of study.

Therefore, the Progression Policy for Lower Sixth to Upper Sixth has needed to be amended to take into account these guidelines and the shifting nature of the political and legal landscape.

Students will only be guaranteed progression into the U6 if they have:

- At least 90% actual attendance in lessons
- Excellent punctuality (typically 90% or above)
- An average of a grade 3 or above in all Interim Reports
- Exemplary behaviour, whether in lessons, around College, representing the College or when travelling to or from College

Students will not be allowed to progress to the second year of study in a particular course if they:

- Have actual attendance in the subject of less than 90%
- Have poor punctuality to lessons, typically less than 90%
- An overall effort grade of 2.3 or below in two or more Interim Reports in the first year
- Poor behaviour in the subject lessons
- Fail to meet the exam board regulations

If students do not achieve:

- A pass in the Progression Examination
- Grade D or above in an AS examination (if taken)
- A BTEC grade that is consistent with their target grade

They will be strongly advised to consider a 'fresh start' course. Parents will be invited into College to discuss options. Decisions about this will be made following the Progression Exam and submission of BTEC results in early July.