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Welcome to our Key  
Stage 3 information  
evening



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## Aims

- Things you might like to know
- New Curriculum
- Grading at GCSE
- Reporting and Assessment



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## General things

- *Contact details - Please return these to your child's tutor as soon as possible.*
- *Parentmail - now should be able to load money onto the system*
- *CATS tests - Year 7 and 8*



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*New  
grades*

## GRADING NEW GCSEs FROM 2017

| New grading structure | Current grading structure |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 9                     | A*                        |
| 8                     |                           |
| 7                     |                           |
| 6                     | B                         |
| 5                     |                           |
| 4                     |                           |
| 3                     | D                         |
| 2                     |                           |
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# Timetable

- *Two week timetable*
- *English, Maths and Science all (7 or 8 periods)*
- *PE*
- *RPE*
- *Plus everything else.*



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# PSHE

- PSHE is a legal requirement
- This is taught on a rolling programme so does not appear on the timetable this year.
- It will happen once every two weeks across the year.



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## Year 8 and 9

- *During Year 8 (Spring term) students will have the chance to select Specialist Studies.*
- *During Year 9 (Spring term) students will have the chance to select their option subjects which they will take to GCSE level in Year 11.*

# Invested Curriculum

Year 11

Autumn

- Passport to Prom
- Have a careers interview
- Attend the Careers Fayre
- Sit mock GCSE exams
- Attend College 'experience' day

Spring

- Participate in Evening School
- Refine revision skills
- Apply to a college
- Create revision timetable
- Develop independent study skills

Summer

- Participate in legacy event to Y7/9
- Attend College Interview
- Sit GCSE examinations
- Attend Leavers' Event
- Celebrate at the Prom

Year 10

- Start GCSE courses
- Embed excellent study habits
- Apply for Duke of Edinburgh (Silver)
- Join Work Related Learning workshop
- Visit a college/university

- Present on current affairs
- Engage in a democratic process
- Make a positive contribution
- Apply to become a Prefect
- Ensure 97% attendance or more

- Refine revision techniques
- Run an extra-curricular activity
- Complete Work Experience
- Sit end of Y10 exams (first Mocks)
- Reflect on your learning journey

Year 9

- Apply for Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze)
- Participate in a Public Speaking task
- Reflect further on future pathways
- Take part in careers workshop
- Develop as a Young Leader
- Become a part of the HPA

- Join a project (ie. Phoenix/Articulary)
- Become a peer reader
- Lead part of an assembly
- Have an advisory options interview
- Choose GCSE options
- Ensure 97% attendance or more

- Enter a competition
- Participate in some volunteering work
- Participate in the Big Bang Fair
- Take part in a young enterprise event
- Assist with academy event
- Join the KS3 Graduation trip

Year 8

- Embed good learning habits (h/w)
- Lead part of a lesson
- Be a Young Leader
- Develop understanding of society
- Reflect on future pathways
- Take part in 'futures' workshop

- Visit a college
- Achieve 100 merits or more
- Become a word millionaire
- Choose your specialist studies
- Support a community event
- Ensure 97% attendance or above

- Take part in a trip
- Represent your peers/ the academy
- Exercise your Student Voice
- Enter a competition
- Be part of a student interview panel
- Carry out an 'act of kindness'

Year 7

- Attend the 'getting to know you' trip
- Embrace school values
- Develop good learning habits (h/w)
- Understand a 'sense of place'
- Go to the theatre; review a play
- Support Christmas community events

- Take part in an enrichment activity
- Exercise your Student Voice
- Become a Young Leader
- Achieve 100 merits or more
- Read 100,000 words
- Ensure 97% attendance or above

- Become a Primary Mentor
- Complete a PACA challenge
- Represent your peers/ the academy
- Develop your ability to revise
- Complete PIXL the Edge award
- Join the rewards trip to London

Primary

All students are invited to Transition Activities throughout the Summer Term and all families receive personalised interviews. Students are baseline tested (CATs) in the first week. Transition learning is encouraged through joint learning projects.

Curiosity  
Excellence  
Confidence  
Self-motivation  
Ambition  
Leadership  
Initiative  
Organisation

Honesty  
Determination  
Persistence  
Reflection  
Tolerance  
Patience  
Challenge  
Resilience

Value  
Support  
Kindness  
Appreciation  
Celebration  
Empathy  
Responsibility  
Communication

ASPIRATION INTEGRITY RESPECT





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## Point of contact

- Year leaders and tutors are key
- Contact them first – much more likely to be aware of key things at a year group level.
- Year 7 – Mrs Vercoe
- Year 8 – Mrs Huett
- Year 9 – Miss Herrington
- Email addresses are on the website



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# Attendance

- There is more to learn than ever before but no more time in school.
- It is vital therefore that students are in school as much as possible.
- One missed day means that 5 hours of content (or 20% of a week) is lost.
- Do expect to be called about absence - we do it for the benefit of the students.
- Punctuality to lessons is also vital.



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# Equipment

- Students must come to school with the correct books for the day and the correct equipment.
- Pen (and a spare), a pencil, ruler, calculator (really important for Maths calculator exams).
- They should prepare their bag the night before school so that they know what is coming the next day.
- They should have a place to keep their school work at home so that things are not lost.



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## Home learning

- We use Show My Homework to record home learning tasks.
- This allows students to access homework that has been set on mobile devices and computers anywhere in the world.
- You, as parents, can log in and see what has been set as well.



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# Reporting

- We will complete reports at the end of each term.
- Parents evenings -bookable online
- Year 7 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Year 8 7<sup>th</sup> February
- Year 9 7<sup>th</sup> March



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## Remember

- This is a really exciting time but students must approach school in a positive way.
- Staff are ready to guide your children to success but the students have to be ready to help themselves.
- Please continue to work with us to help your children achieve the success that they deserve.



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*We are here to answer  
any questions that you  
may have*

*Thank you*