Welcome to Year 8

Please take a QR code sheet - this links to lots of useful online resources!



This presentation will be shared on line after today to refer to.

25/9/25 - Mr B Francis - Head of Year 8

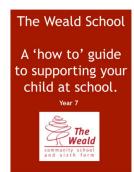
Housekeeping

- 1. Slides from this presentation will all be emailed and available on the website after this event
- 2. Please stick to the areas around the Plaza, Canteen and upstairs in the E Block - this way we can ensure supervision around the site
- 3. Assembly point is the plaza/field you will be shown there by teachers in the event of an emergency

We work best when we work together!

- Set up a strong start for a successful year 8
- Equip you with the information, resources and channels of communication you need
- Work with you so your child to achieves their best - by being Ready, Respectful, <u>Working</u> and Safe





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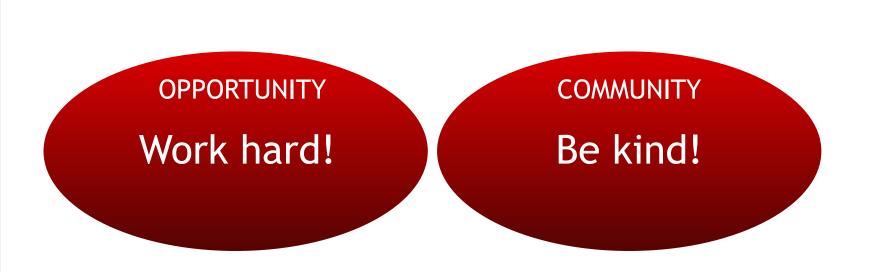
OPPORTUNITY

Challenge & support
High expectations & empathy
Rigour & optimism

COMMUNITY

Mutual respect
Working together
All stakeholders engaged

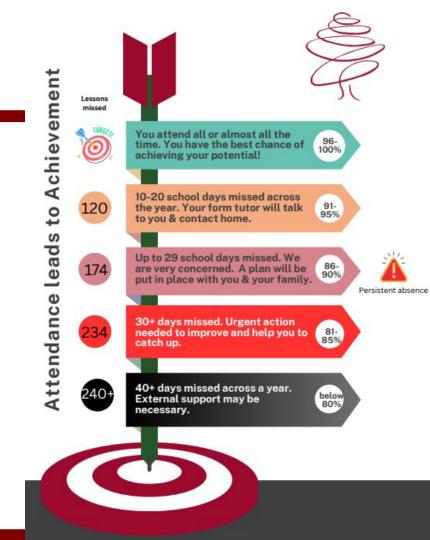
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BUT STUDENTS CAN ONLY THRIVE FROM THESE OPPORTUNITIES IF THEY'RE HERE - AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

We must all work together to make attendance our priority

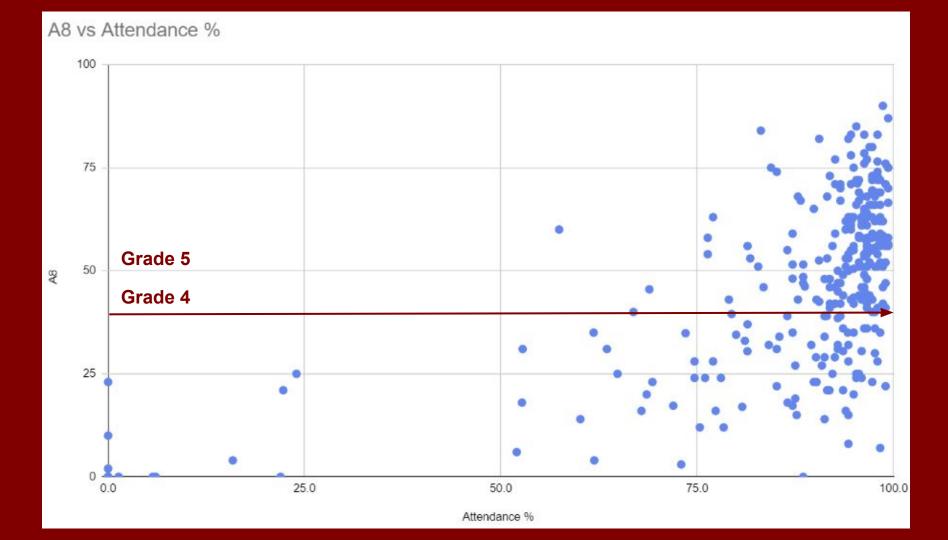
Students with 95-100% attendance are 1.9 times more likely to achieve a grade 5 in **English and Maths** than those with 90-95% attendance. This equates to up to 20 extra days in school over the year - the equivalent of up to 1 day off a fortnight. (DfE, March 2025)



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This means missing just 10 days of year reduces the likelihood of achieving grade 5 in **English and Maths by** around 50%!





Year 8 is all about...

- Knowing what you are good at and enjoy.
- Becoming the best learners.
- Planning your future with GCSE Options.

When are the significant assessment dates in Year 8?

Assessment Cycle:

- 1. Letter from HoY to support subject preparation homework
- 2. 4 weeks of 'RED Review' homework (using knowledge organisers) set by subject teachers
- Assessment week/s in school
- 4. Tracking Reports
- 5. Analysis and actions ahead of next assessment/tracking report

(Repeat - x2 a year)

Key Milestones and Dates for Year 8 2025-26

Yr 8 Tracking 1 (RRWS only) Week 7th Oct Yr 8 Assessments Weeks 8th-18th Dec Yr 8 Tracking 2 (% & RRWS) Week 20th Jan Yr 8 Options Evening Thu 26th Feb Yr 8 Parents Evening Wed 4th March Yr 8 Assessments Weeks 5th-15th May Yr 8 Tracking 3 6th June

What works in assessment preparation?



April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Assessment Information

I am writing ahead of the Year 8 assessmen Monday 15 May. This is a longer assessment out than in the previous assessment weeks

w/c 15th May - Mathe English History Sci w/c 22nd May - Maths, RS, Geography, Fren

Assessments will all take place in classroom child will be informed by their teachers the this will be posted on Talaxy.

These assessments will check learning from child to demonstrate the progress they are these assessments (in the form of a %) in th

Below is a summary of the topic/s your chilrevision timings, revision resources and task some advice for parents in supporting their https://youtu.be/6i1pzlbBMQw

I hope you find this helpful in supporting yo me if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Year 8

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Year 8 Assessment Information

15th May - 27th May

For your assessments, please bring:

PRPRC: 2 pens, 2 pencils, ruler, rubber and calculator Specialist equipment is not needed for your maths assessment

Suggested revision timings (30 minutes - 1 hour per subject)

- Click on this link for some homework and revision strategies
- 2 x 15 minute slots with a 5 minute break in between
- 4 1 x 30 minute slot with no break
- 4 x 15 minute slots with 5 minute breaks in between
- 2 x 30 minute slots with a 10 minute break in between Please do not revise for longer than 1 hour for each subject per week

Students might find these feel harder, especially is often do these as they can feel easier of at first, but they are proven to bein things stick reassuring, but don't always work

RED Revision Strategies . Writing notes out for a long time

- · Parents / friends testing you
- · Write cover learn write · Revision cards and test yourself · Quizlets/Seneca Learning
- Mind maps
- Keyword tests
- · Reviewing topics you are NOT confident Practice questions

Subject information

Headtea	Subject	Topic/s	Revision Material
	English	Reading - a character question about a main character from 'Coraline' Writing - a persuasive speech on a given topic	Coraline Revision organiser BBC Bitesize speech writing
	Maths	Two x 50 minute papers. One non-calculator paper	Revision List with Sparx

The tonics are all those covered in year 7 and

Revision List with Sparx Curriculum Map with Knowledge Organisers

. Reading over the textbook / notes for a long

· Revising with a laptop or computer where

Reviewing tonics you already know really.

you are tempted to go on Youtube, etc.

. Using untrusted websites

well first

· Revising with your phone on/music

RED REVIEW: (+ KOs) to remember more

Retrieval from memory (no peeking!)

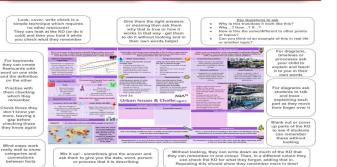


Elaboration explain why/how (in your words!)









Before you can begin, be.... prepared



- Topic list
- Highlighters
- Paper
- Pen
- RED revision task list
- Knowledge organisers / class notes

Step 1: Read the topic list for each subject!

For your assessments, please bring:

- PRPRC: 2 pens, 2 pencils, ruler, rubber and scientific calculator
- Protractor and a ruler with cm and mm graduations are also required for Maths

Suggested revision timings (1 hour per subject)

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- ❖ 2 x 30 minute slots with a 10 minute break in between
- Please do not revise for longer than 1.5 hours for each subject

How to revise effectively:							
Students might find these feel harder, especially at first, but they are proven to help things stick	Students often do these as they can feel easier or reassuring, but don't always work						
DO: RED Revision Strategies Parents / friends testing you Write, cover, learn, write Revision cards and test yourself Quizlets / Seneca Learning Mind maps Keyword tests Reviewing topics you are NOT confident with Practice questions	Writing notes out for a long time Reading over the textbook / notes for a long time Using untrusted websites Revising with your phone on/music Revising with a laptop or computer where you are tempted to go on Youtube, etc. Reviewing topics you already know really well first						

Subject information

Week 1 Exams: Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January 2024

Subject	Topic/s	Revision Material
English	Reading Assessment: Analysis of two unseen gothic extracts Stepped questions based on first extract Comparison between two extracts Writing Assessment: Short questions on figurative writing techniques Writing the ending of a gothic short story	How to use evidence from a text Comparing Fiction Texts Gothic writing Knowledge Organiser Descriptive Writing How to build tension
Science	Topic 1 - Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table Topic 2 - Plants Topic 3 - Electricity and Magnetism Topic 4 - Acids and Alkalis	Document in the KS3 Science students drive with links to - knowledge organisers, - practice questions, - Seneca topics, - science videos and - BBC bitesize links. Where relevant, answers have also been provided.
Geography	YEAR 7 Unit 1: Our Geography: Friend or Foe YEAR 7 Unit 2: Our Human Planet YEAR 8 Unit 1: Our Perilous Planet	An assessment revision list and revision resources are linked to BROMCOM & google classroom. This includes all areas you need to revise and also a list of key terms that you need to know. You should use your exercise book to help you revise, that also has the knowledge organisers. BBC Bitesize: Map skills, Development & Natural hazards

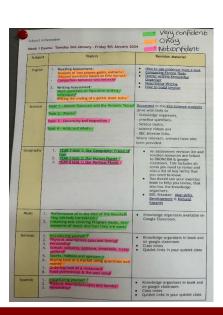
How to use this information...

Red - not confident (>50%)

Amber - could answer a question (50-75%)

Green - very confident (75-100%)

		Key idea	What you need to know:	Useful links	Confident	Requires more revision	Not at all confident - needs addressing			
	Natural	Key idea: What is a natural hazard?	What is a Volcano?							П
	Hazards		What is an Earthquake?							ı
			What is a Tsunami?							ı
		Key idea: What is the Earths structure?	Can you name the 4 layers of the earth?							ı
			Can you explain what happens in the mantle?							ı
		Key idea: What processes / lanforms happen at plate boundaries?	What happens at a Constructive plate boundary?	https://www.bbc.co. uk/bitesize/topics/zn 476sg/articles/zrcgr2						ı
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Plate tecton theory	Plate tectonic theory		What happens at a Collision plate boundary?	https://www.bbc.co. uk/bitesize/topics/zn 476sg/articles/z9k49 6f						
Perilous			What landforms occur at different plate boundaries?							ı
Planet			What natural hazards occur at different plate boundaries?	https://www.bbc.co. uk/bitesize/topics/zn 476sg/articles/zc4rc mn						
		Key Idea: What are the impacts/ effects/ responses of natural hazards?	What are primary effects?							
			What are secondary effects?							ı
			What are the short term/immediate responses?							П
			What are the long term repsonses?					ē.	ē	П
		Key idea: How can we reduce the impacts/ effects of natural hazards?	What is protection?					organiser	organiser	ı
			What is prediction?					00	00	П
			What is preparation?						0	П
Init 2 - Our Changing		How can we measure the level development of a country?	What is development?	https://www.bbc.co. uk/bitesize/topics/zv				edge	edge	ı
Human	Development			wtsbk/articles/zbcqj				ŏ	ě	1



Step 3: Make a revision timetable

Revision Timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
07:00							
08:00							
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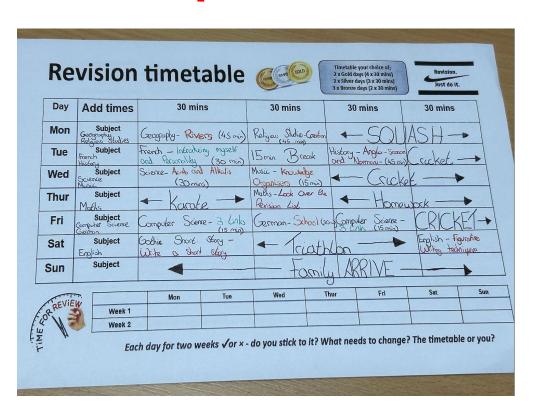
- Key dates need to be blank -

 No distractions - phone / headphones

 Subjects on rotation to cover all RED topics

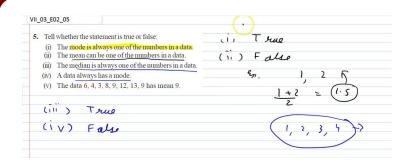
Short revision slots (quality not quantity)

Example Revision Timetable



- Key dates need to be
- No distractions phone / headphones
- Subjects on rotation to cover all RED topics
- Short revision slots (quality not quantity)

Step 4: Choose a RED Revision task to do in the time slot





Retrieval Practice

Test yourself on material from today, yesterday, last week and last month then check it!



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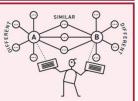


Elaboration

Explain and describe concepts, ideas and topics with detail.

Video Link

Try this!



Dual Coding

Summarise material as a diagram or picture with words.

Video Link

Try this!



Build a strong core!

How to make a strong start in English, Maths and Science this year!

Subject	Y8
Maths	Complete your Sparx Maths homework when it is set, so you have time to fix any issues before the deadline. If you get stuck, use the worked example in the linked video clip to help you answer your question. If you complete it quickly, try the optional XP Boost and Target homeworks to challenge yourself and make even more progress.
English	Read your AR reading book from the library regularly and discuss what you are reading with someone at home.
Science	Continue to make links between what you are being taught and the real world. The content that you are being taught this year builds on the Science that you have learnt last year. Discuss these frequently at home and bring questions to the classroom. Stick with the more difficult/abstract ideas and use models to help aid this understanding.

Remember.. Do the right things

- 1. Do your HW
- 2. Listen and work in lessons
- 3. Have a plan
 - Do the things that work
 - Spread out the work
- 4. Do RED review that works



The bluer the better!

Mostly Green the better!

Student's academic performance						
Progress	Assessment (%)	Assessment Grade				
	60	М				

Update on AtL Score on Tracking

Parent & staff feedback = change

- AtL scores recalibrated to reflect clearer, fairer standards
- "Always" (+2) was becoming the norm it's meant for **exceptional** performance
- We want to highlight where students are doing well, while still encouraging growth

Score	Meaning
+2	Always – Exceptional behaviour, above and beyond
+1	Often – Meets expectations regularly (this is now the norm)
0	Sometimes – Inconsistent effort or behaviour
-1	Rarely – Concerns, not meeting expectations

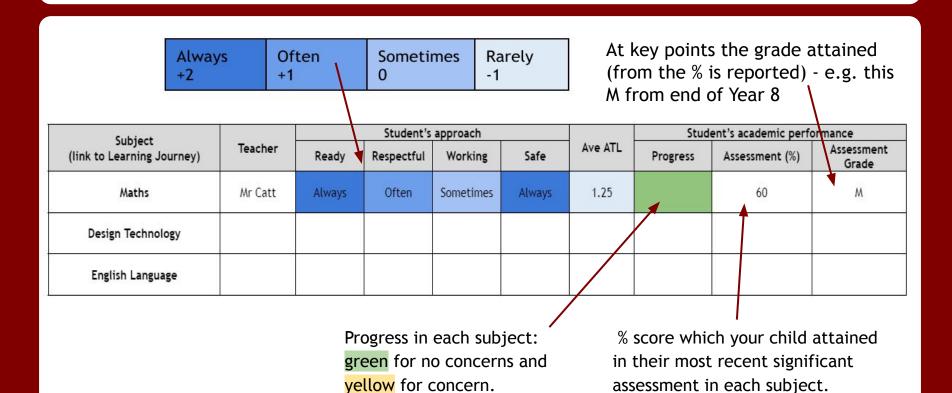
Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely
+2	+1	0	-1

Understanding the scores:

- +1 is a positive score not "just okay"
- Scores of **0 or -1** signal that support or change is needed



How to read your child's KS3 tracking report



How can we communicate about your child?





Tracking overview						
Attitude to Learning (ATL)	1.60					
Attendance to date (%)	97.39					
Reading	121					
House points to date	117					
Behaviour points to date	37					
CAT score on entry	121					

Subject (link to Learning Journey)		Student's approach				Student's academic performance			
	Teacher	Ready	Respectful	Working	Safe	Ave ATL	Progress	Assessment (%)	Assessment Grade
Haths	Mr Catt	Always	Often	Sometimes	Always	1.25		60	М
Design Technology									
English Language									

General	office@theweald.org.uk
Subject	Subject <u>Teacher</u> , then the Subject <u>Leader</u>
Academic	Head of Year
	bfrancis@theweald.org.uk
Pastoral	Head of House
Worries	help@theweald.org.uk

How to use MCAS for daily updates

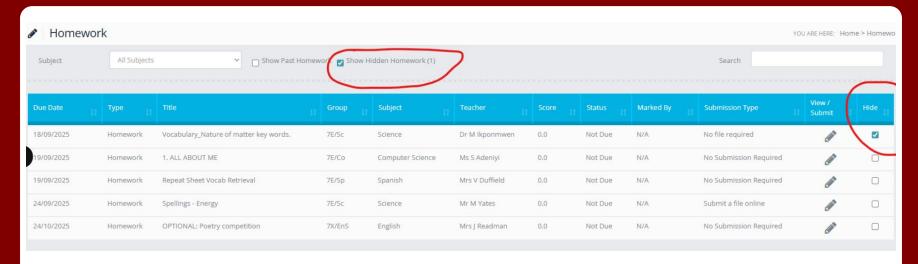


Log on to MCAS

You can see your child's timetable
- use this to support your child to get ready the night before

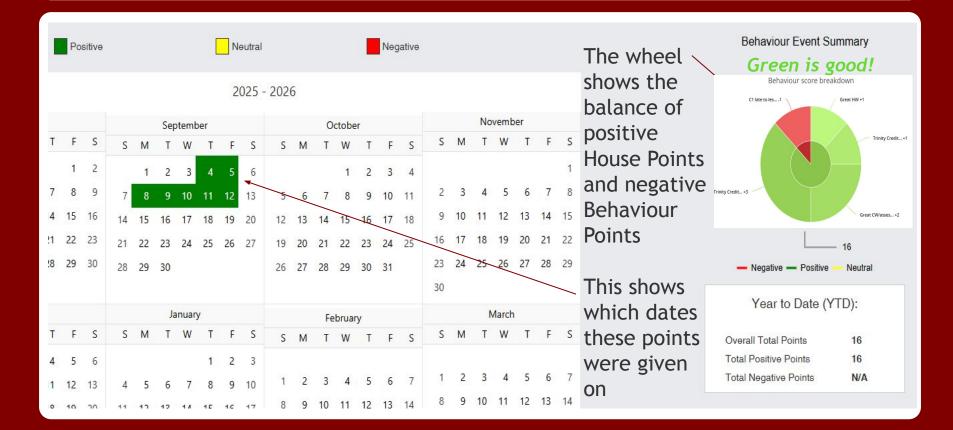


How to use MCAS for daily updates



You can see your child's HW. If you are having trouble seeing all HW tasks- check they have UNCHECKED the hide HW. They DO want to show past HW (and hidden HW). This is ONLY available on the child's app - they change their settings

How to use MCAS for daily updates



How will we reward your child? New for 2025-26











Enrichment opportunities this year

	Enrichment Day 1 - 27/11/25	Enrichment Day 2 - 19/03/26	ACE WEEK 27th June - 4th July 2026
	Letter home - October 2025	Letter home - February 2026	Letter home - 12/09/25
Y8	History Enrichment Day Trip Enriching students current learning - The British Empire - Portsmouth Dockyard Trip Payment due October 2025	Migration enrichment - In school (Maths / Geography / MFL)	Various enrichment activities onsite - some may incur a small cost.

Stalls, staff and refreshments in the A Canteen

Please join us now in the E Block Canteen for refreshments and Q&A/Info at the following stands:

- Heads of House pastoral issues
- Network/Technical support E.g. with Bromcom/MCAS set up
- English/Reading
- Maths
- Relationships, Health, Personal Development (RHPD)
- Assessment, Tracking and Homework
- Extra-Curricular/Clubs

Thank you for coming!

Please take a QR code sheet - this has the links to all of the online documents