Welcome to Year 9

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



25th September - Kat Nicholls - Head of Year 9

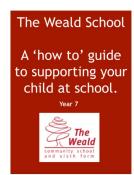
Housekeeping

- 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! The purpose of this evening is to:

- Set up a strong start for a successful year 9.
- Equip you with the information, resources and channels of communication you need.
- Work with you so your child achieves their best - by being Ready, Respectful, <u>Working</u> and Safe





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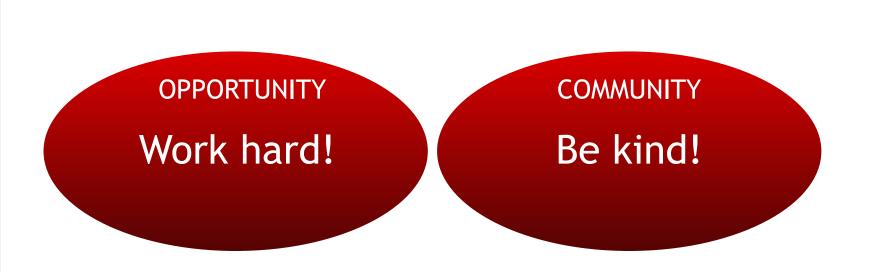
OPPORTUNITY

Challenge & support
High expectations & empathy
Rigour & optimism

COMMUNITY

Mutual respect
Working together
All stakeholders engaged

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But students can only thrive and make the most of these opportunities if they're here as part of our community!

Year 9 is all about:

- □ Starting KS4 their first year of studying for their GCSEs
- Beginning their option subjects that they've chosen to study
- Building an exciting future through making good choices, building resilience and making fantastic memories.



In Year 9 (KS4) they study:

KS4:

- Core Subjects − English (2 GCSEs Literature & Language), Maths (1 GCSE), Science (2-3 GCSEs combined or triple)
- Option Subjects 4 GCSEs
- □ Religious Studies (1 GCSE) exam in year 10
- All other exams are in year 11







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Making Good Choices





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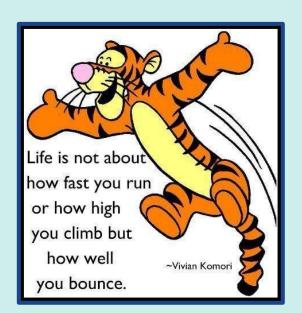
Build a strong core!

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

Subject	Year 9
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 for 10-20 minutes every day and discuss what you are reading with someone at home. This could be non-fiction (like diaries, biographies, news articles, etc) or fiction. If you are not sure what to read, speak to your English teacher or our librarian.
Science	You will have a separate book for Biology, Chemistry and Physics in a green, orange and purple book respectively. Try your best to recognise which topics are in which unit. There is a lot to learn at GCSE and some things are abstract so make sure you question things you don't understand and complete work outside of the lesson to support your understanding. Discuss the things that have interested you at home









Option queries/changes:

 Please email the subject teacher with any queries or concerns.

 Any requests to change options need to go in an email to <u>scatt@theweald.org.uk</u> after 29/9/25.

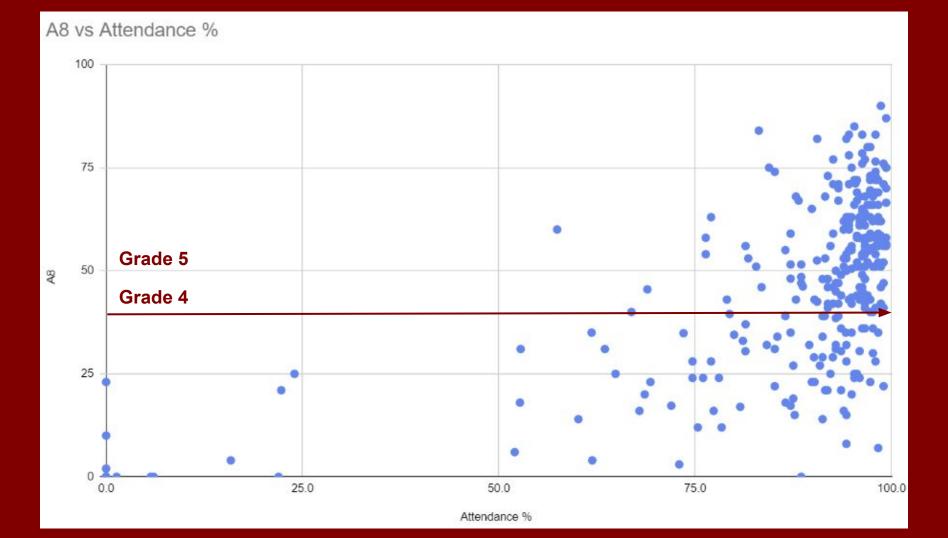
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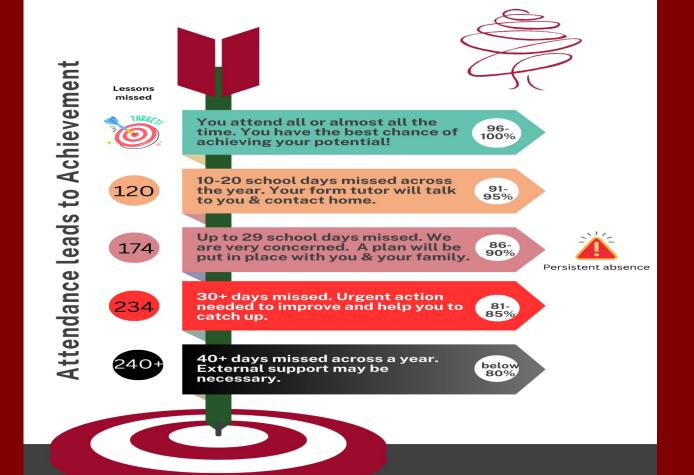
Students who attend school nearly every day in Year 11 are 1.9 times more likely to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE compared to students who only attend 90-95% of the time And they are 3 times more likely than students who only attend 85-90% of the time (who lost a total of 4 - 6 weeks of school)

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





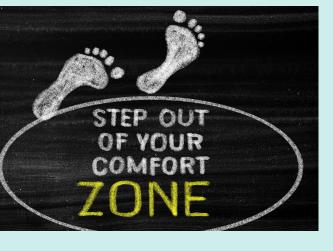


Students will 95-100% attendance are 1.9 times for likely to achieve a grade 5 in English and Maths than those with 90-95% attendance. This equates to up to 20 days extra in school over the year - the equivalent of up to 1 day off per fortnight. (DfE, March 2025)











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After School Sports Clubs - Autumn 1

Monday (No Buses)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday (No Buses)
U19 Football Astro JHY	7 & 8 Football Field / Astro BME / JMA	GCSE Revision / Catch up A7 OSE	Cheer Gym MBE	
	GCSE Revision / Catch up A7 PLE	Netball Courts BHA / SGO	Badminton Sports Hall SHA	
	10 Football Field DSN	Hockey Astro MMC	Girls Football Astro KAS / JMA	
		Gymnastics Gym JAM	9 Football Field PLE	

All clubs are free to join, just come along to PE at 3:05pm with your kit and equipment. Clubs run from 3:05pm - 4:15pm

Enrichment opportunities this year

	Enrichment Day 1 - 27/11/25 Letter home - October 2025	Enrichment Day 2 - 19/03/26 Letter home - February 2026	ACE WEEK 27th June - 4th July 2026 Letter home - 12/09/25
Y7	Team building in school	Opportunity & Community in school activities Curriculum trips Theatre Trip Stadium Trip	Opal Coast, France (3 nights) Ace Week Residential Approx £559pp - payable in 5 installments Register your interest by 19 September Deposits required 3 October
Y8	History Enrichment Day Enriching students current learning - The British Empire - Portsmouth Dockyard Trip Payment due October 2025	Migration enrichment (Maths / Geography / MFL)	Various enrichment activities onsite - some may incur a small cost.
Y9	Diversity day - in school	Business & Enterprise day - in school Various curriculum enrichment trips - The National Museum of Computing Stadium Tour Theatre Trip Playxperience Trip	Ace Week European and UK residentials Please see booklet - emailed 11/9/25. Register your interest by 19 September Place confirmation by 26 September Deposits required by 3 October
Y10	Future Choices day - in school GCSE Geography Coasts Fieldwork (offsite)	Diversity day - in school	Work experience - ALL students MUST organise a placement
Y11	Sixth form taster day or college visit	Out Of Bounds Activity Centre - Trip	n/a



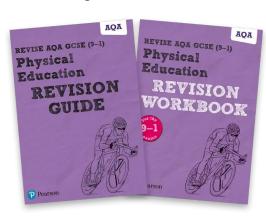






Be informed...

- What specification are they studying in each subject?
- Is it 100% exam?
- ☐ How many exams?
- Is there a coursework element?
- Is this a two or three year course?
- What topics are tested on which paper?
- Is there a revision guide or workbook that would help?
- ☐ Are they looking after their class books / resources?



Do students work in 'set' or 'streamed' groups based on their prior attainment?

Please see our website/curriculum area for Key Stage 4

Year Group	English	Maths	Science
9	12 mixed smaller groups	6 groups of higher tier (1 takes Further Maths) 6 groups of foundation tier	12 mixed smaller groups
10	1 x highest prior attainment - the rest mixed	6 groups of higher tier (1 takes Further Maths) 6 groups of foundation tier	2 Triple science classes are taught separately 6 groups of higher tier 4 groups of foundation tier
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GCSE Grading						
New Grading Structure	Old Grading Structure					
9	A *					
8						
7	Α					
6	В					
5	В					
Standard Pass 4	С					
3	D					
2	E					
	F					
1	G					
U	U					

How will work be set for Homework?

The most frequent homework will be to review learning using Knowledge Organisers and PLCs (personal learning checklists). A bank of effective 'anytime' tasks is available here - so your child always has HW!

Other tasks will prepare for learning (e.g. research/reading) or practice skills learnt in the lesson.

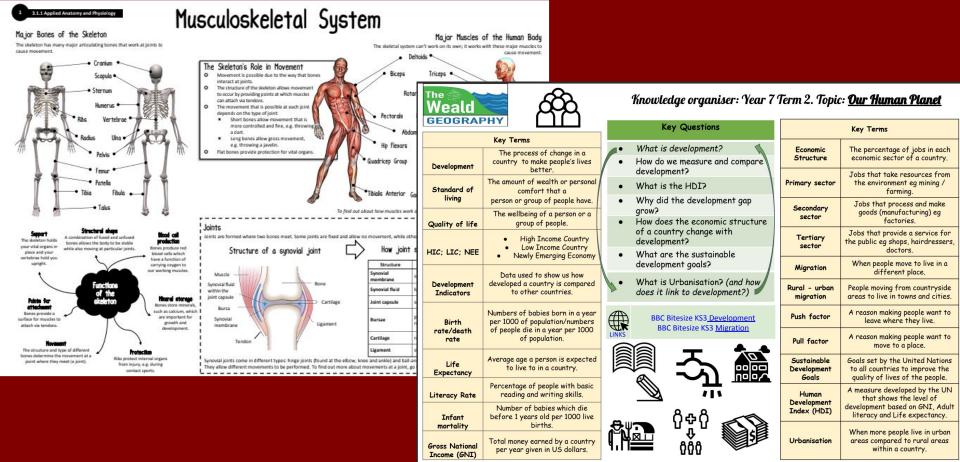
Most homework is checked by being tested or used/applied in the next lesson.

Feedback might be verbal or to the whole-class - which students should act on to check and correct their work.





Knowledge Organisers



Personalised Learning Checklist

Red - not confident (>50%)

<u>Amber</u> - could answer a question (50-75%)

Green - very confident (75-100%)

	Use your	Knowledge Organisers alor	ngside your excercise book with Classwork & Homew	vork, as your ma	in source	of inforn	nation for	your	revisio	on.
		Key idea	What you need to know:	Useful links	Confident	Requires more revision	Not at all confident - needs addressing			
	Network	Key idea: What is a natural hazard?	What is a Volcano?							
	Natural Hazards		What is an Earthquake?							
			What is a Tsunami?							
		Key idea: What is the Earths structure?	Can you name the 4 layers of the earth?							
			Can you explain what happens in the mantle?							
		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						
			What happens at a Destructive plate boundary?							
Unit 1 - Our	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?							
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?							
			What are the short term/immediate responses?					-	-	1
			What are the long term repsonses?					e e	je l	ie i
		Key idea: How can we reduce the impacts/ effects of natural hazards?	What is protection?					edge organiser	organiser	organiser
			What is prediction?					500	20	20
			What is preparation?					0		0
Unit 2 - Our Changing	Development	How can we measure the level development of a country?	What is development?	https://www.bbc.co. uk/bitesize/topics/zv				dge	dge	dge
Human	Development			wtsbk/articles/zbcqj				O)	O.	O

	information Exams: Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January 20	Very confiden O'Kay Notronfident
Subjet		Revision Material
English	1. Reading Assessment: Analysis of two unions gethic extracts: Assepted creation based on first extracts' Companion between two extracts' 2. Writing Assessment: Short questions on figurative writing techniques' Writing the ending of a gothic short story	How to use evidence from a text Comparing Fitten Texts Outlie, writing Knowledge Descriptive Writing How to build termion
Science	Topic 1 - Attentic Structure and the Periodic Tables Trainic 2 - Plantish Trainic 3 - Electricity and Magnetism / Topic 4 - Acids and Albahs y	Document in the KS3 Science students drive with thick to a knowledge organisers, practice questions, senect stopics, science videos and BCD libraries trike, where relevant, answers have also been provided.
Geography	THAT TURK 1: Our Geometry, Friend of Eggs THAT TURK 1: Our Princes Prince 1 THAT TURK 2: Our Princes Prince 1 THAT TURK 3: Our Princes Prince 1 THAT TURK 3: Our Princes Prince 1	An assessment revision list and revision resources are linked to 1000/LOG it google and the second sec
Music	Performance of in the Hall of the Mountain King (already completed). Ustening test covering Program music, the elements of music and how they are used.	Knowledge organisers available or Google Classroom.
	httroduces yourself? Hypical descriptions (you and family)? Hypical descriptions (you and family)? School's supplies, opinions, timetable, rulesy uniform) Sorts, hobbies and opinions a Buying food at a market using quantities and money Ordering food at a restaurant) Food preferences at the past tem?	Knowledge organisers in book and on google classroom Class notes Quizzlet links in your quizlet class
anish	Introducing yourself. Physical descriptions (you and family) Personality	Knowledge organisers in book and on google classroom Class notes Quizlet links in your quizlet class

HOMEWORK HABITS Routine >>>>> Habit



Designated homework time

Homework Timetable: Year 10

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Biology		Cl	FP-1-	DI.
French /	English	Chemistry	English	Physics
Punjabi	Maths	RS	Maths	Geography / History
Art	Business	Computer	Health &	
Food	7223,11000	Science	Social	Citizenship

STUDY TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3.30							
4.00							
4.30						-	
5.00						. 12	-
5.30						1 .	
6.00					10	•	
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9.00						-	_ /
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Designated homework space



No distractions







Time management / have a plan

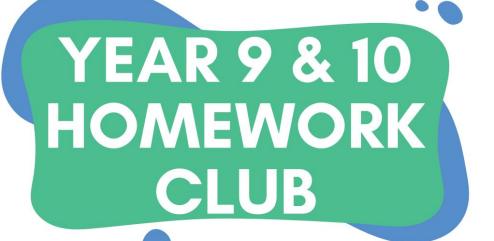
• 45 minutes maximum on each piece.

Some pieces may only take 5/10 mins.
 Spend more time on those pieces that need it.

 Do what works for you... the subject you enjoy the most first or the hardest assignment first.

Pack your bag the night before / have a homework folder





<u>Day:</u> Thursday

Venue: A9 (T9)

Staff: Miss Shotter (KS4 Learning Mentor)

Getting the basics right, everyday

Our ethos is embodied everyday by our Behaviour for Learning policy:

- Ready
- Respectful
- Working
- Safe



What does working well look like at The Weald? RED REVIEW: (+ KOs) to remember more Opportunity Elaboration Retrieval **Dual coding** from memory images with words (in your words!) (keep it simple!) (no peeking!) -RATIO: rise to the challenge and Hands down Think hard keep No opt out! except Qs/ABC trying for longer Community RESPOND: to feedback Watch, listen to Action feedback Check to not and read your to improve repeat mistakes feedback (work **_** hard READ: speak and write like a subject expert Learn and use Read with Write and speak words from KOs finger/ruler using subject and KEYWORD be kind RESPONSIBILITY: take it! Have you stopped Have you got what and checked? you need? understood? Ask students and Re-read the Q or Use resources book, KOs or PLC:

How to read your child's KS4 tracking report

Tracking overview				
Average Attitude to Learning (ATL)	1.97			
Attendance to date (%)	95.34			
House points to date	77			
Behaviour points to date	0			
CAT score on entry	113			

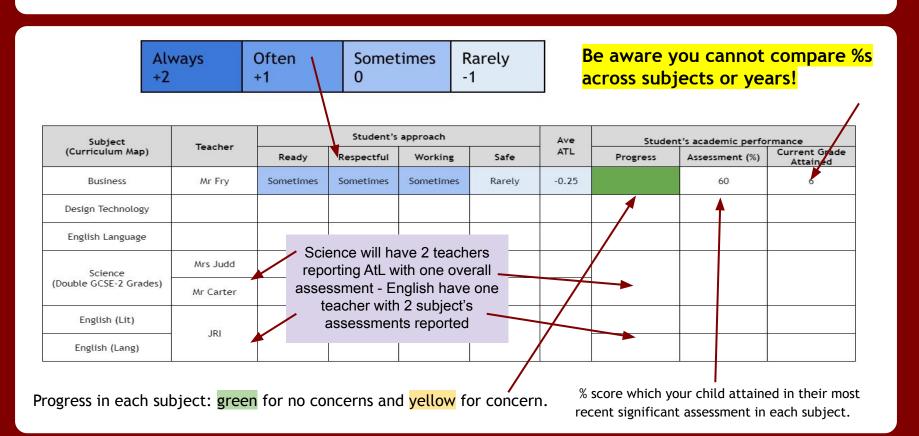
^{*}Or SATs where these were done at the end of Primary school

100% 97% > a ≥ 95%	95% > a ≥ 90%	90% > a
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How to read your child's KS4 tracking report

Subject		Avg ATL			
Subject	Ready	Respectful	Working	Safe	AVGAIL
Business Studies	2	2	2	2	2.00
English	2	2	2	2	2.00
French	1	2	2	2	1.75
Games	1	1	1 1		1.00
Maths	2	2	2	2	2.00
Music Technology	2	2	2	2	2.00
Religious	2	2	2	2	2.00
Science- Double			2	2	2.00
Textiles	2	2	2	2	2.00

How to read your child's KS4 tracking report



Key Milestones and Dates for Year 9 2025-26

Mid November: Tracking 1: ATL only

End of April: Tracking 2: ATL, Assessment % and progress

Early July: Tracking 3: ATL only

27/11/25 and 19/3/26 - Enrichment Days

28/11/25 - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

6/5/26 & 7/5/26 - Parent Evenings

18/5/26 - Science Tiple & RS assessments in class

When are the significant assessment dates in Year 9?

Key assessment dates:

Weeks beginning Monday 16th March and Monday 23rd March

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
- 3. Assessment week/s in school
- 4. Tracking Reports
- 5. Analysis and actions ahead of next assessment/tracking report

N.B There is one Assessment point in Y9 due to starting GCSEs

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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Mr T Brixey

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

. 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 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

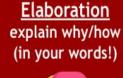
Subject information

Tonic/s Revision Material Reading - a character question about a main Coraline Revision organises character from 'Coraline Writing - a persuasive speech on a given topic Two x 50 minute papers. One non-calculator paper Revision List with Sparx Curriculum Map with The tonics are all those covered in year 7 and Knowledge Organisers

RED REVIEW: (+ KOs) to remember more

Retrieval from memory (no peeking!)







Dual coding images with words (keep it simple!)







How can we communicate about your child?



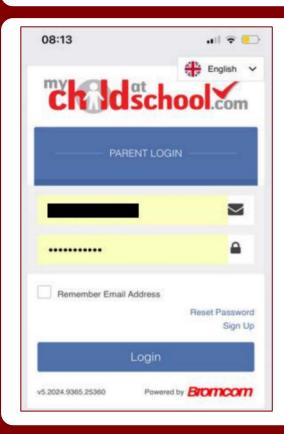


Tracking overview				
Attitude to Learning (ATL)	1.60			
Attendance to date (%)	97.39			
Reading	121			
House points to date	117			
Behaviour points to date	37			
CAT score on entry	121			

Subject (link to Learning Journey)	Teacher	Student's approach					Student's academic performance		
		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
Pastoral	Head of House
Worries	help@theweald.org.uk

How to use MCAS for daily updates

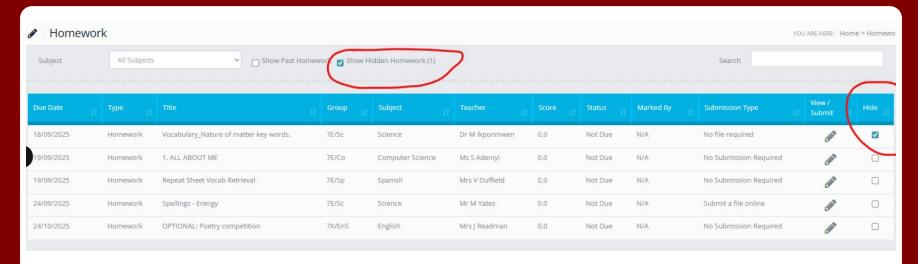


Log on to MCAS

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



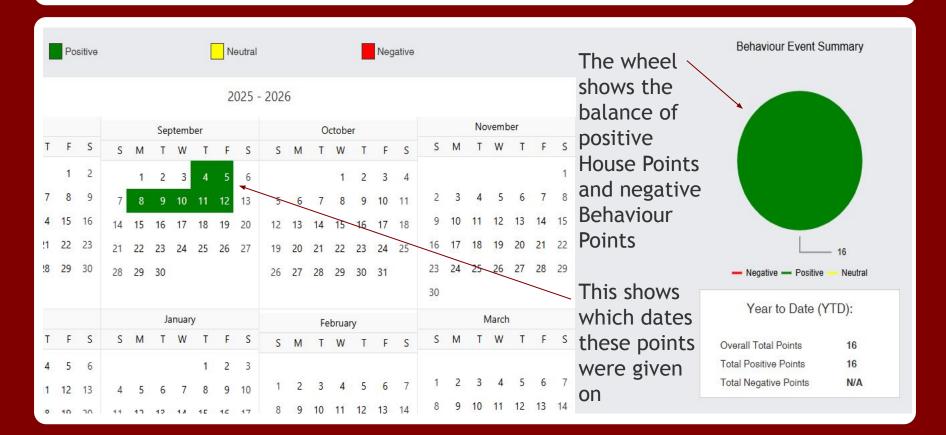
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You can see your child's HW. If they are having trouble seeing all HW tasks check they have UNCHECKED the hide HW.

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



All letters home are archived on our website

Letters Home

For Sixth Form letters please click here.



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











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







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