

Upper School Team



Mrs Riley - Head of Year 9

Mrs Upton- Welfare Manager

Mrs Bagnall - Welfare Manager

Ms Abbott/ Mr Jones - SLT link leader

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We belong to this community

A positive start to the school year



We are really proud of your children:

- Building relationships with friends and staff.
- Focus and sharp starts to lessons
- Uniform standards.
- Focused mindset
- Make good choices



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Supporting your children to reach their potential

Your Year 9 Team



**Mrs
Thurland-Smith**

**Director of
Upper School**



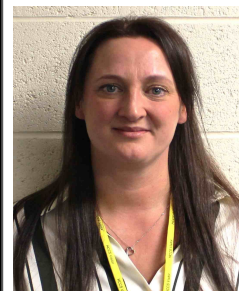
**Mrs Sally
Riley**
Head of Year 9



**Mrs Tina
Upton**
**Welfare
Manager**



**Mrs Nikki
Thomas**
Head of Year 9



**Mrs Gemma
Bagnall**
**Welfare
Manager -
Thursday**



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**Ms Claire
Abbott**

**Assistant
Headteacher**

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**Mrs Sally
Riley**

Head of Year 9



**Mr Jason
Jones**

**Assistant
Headteacher**



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A positive home-school relationship

Talk to us

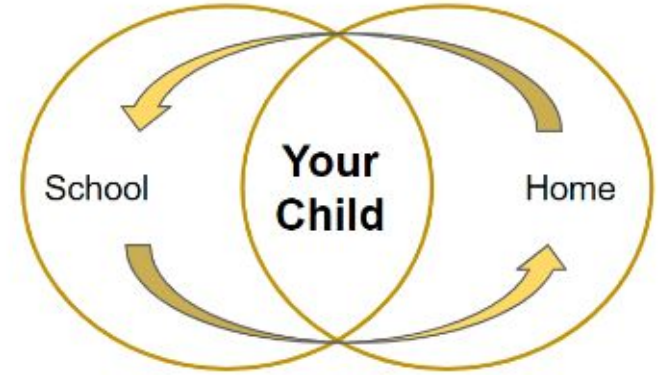
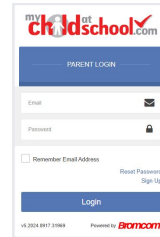
Trust us

Support us

Work with
us

How to support your child:

- Use positive language when you talk to your child
- Promote independence
- Let them talk about their day
- Listen more than advise
- Read your child's feedback regularly and frequently
- Celebrate their achievements - my child at school
- Speak to them about their behaviour choices
- Ask them what they need and support them



**Education is a shared commitment
between dedicated teachers, motivated
students and engaged, enthusiastic
families**

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First point of contact for parents:

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The importance of the Group Tutor

- Ambassadors for the students.
- Build relationships with their tutees.
- Key link for communication between home.



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The Options Process

Supporting you to make an informed decision

September

Information
Evening
10th Sept

Careers
Fair
29th Sept

Interim 1
14th
December

November

Careers
Drop In

Presentations
from non KS3
GCSEs

January

Options
Evening
21st
January

Core subjects
Parents Evening
28th January

December

Tutor
Coaching

Promotion of
GCSE Content
in lessons

February

Options form
Deadline
12th February

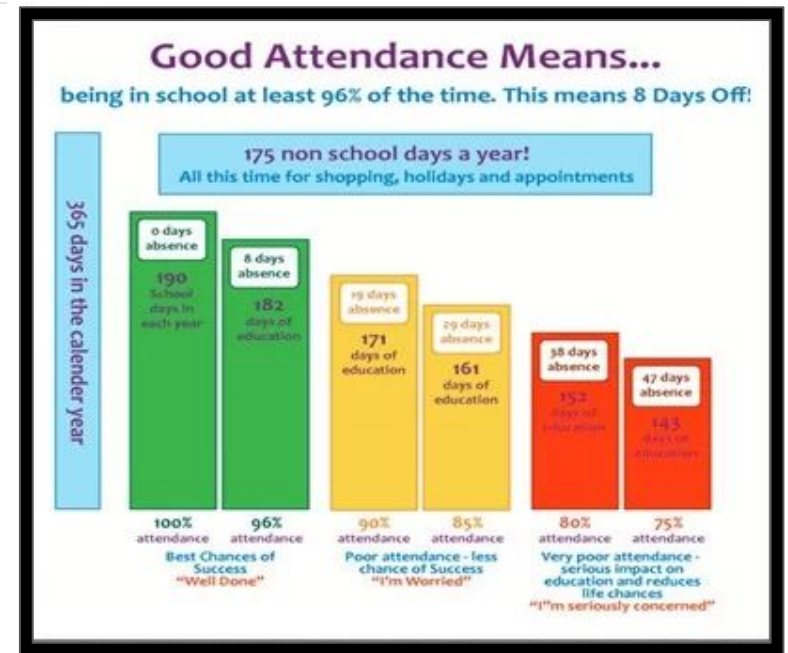
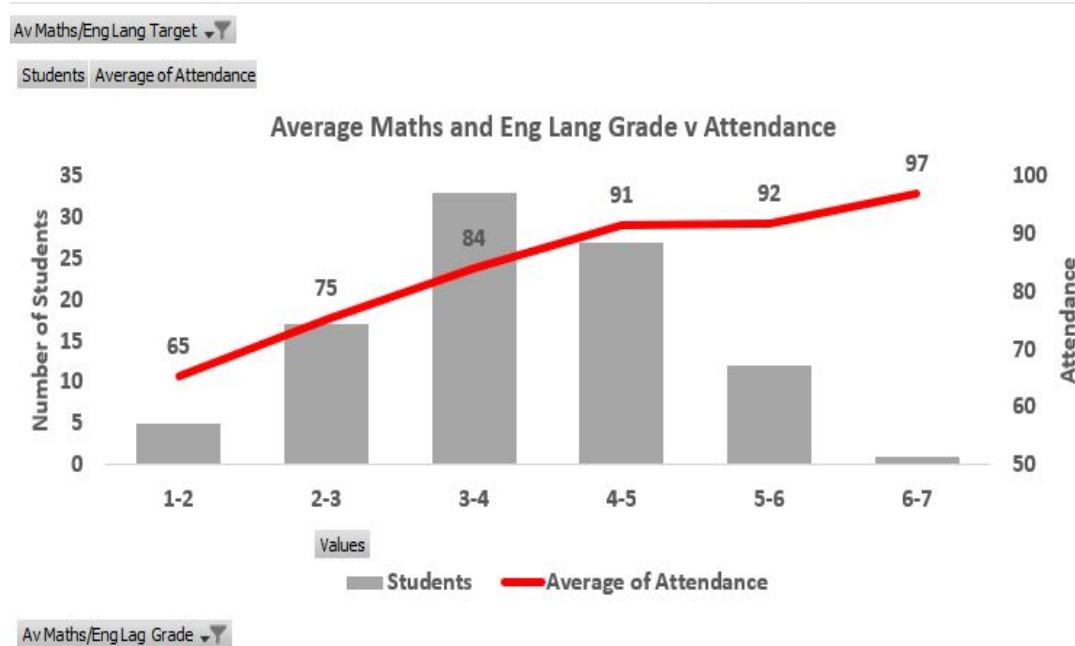
Careers
Drop In

‘Personal
Development’
Sessions

March

Options
choices
will be
confirmed

Attendance Matters



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Punctuality Matters

Turning up on time is an expectation, not an option

Lateness leads to missed teaching time, reduced focus on your work, **gaps in knowledge** which grow larger over time, all of which can lead to lower grades in the end.

It can also affect your motivation, confidence, and relationships with teachers and peers.

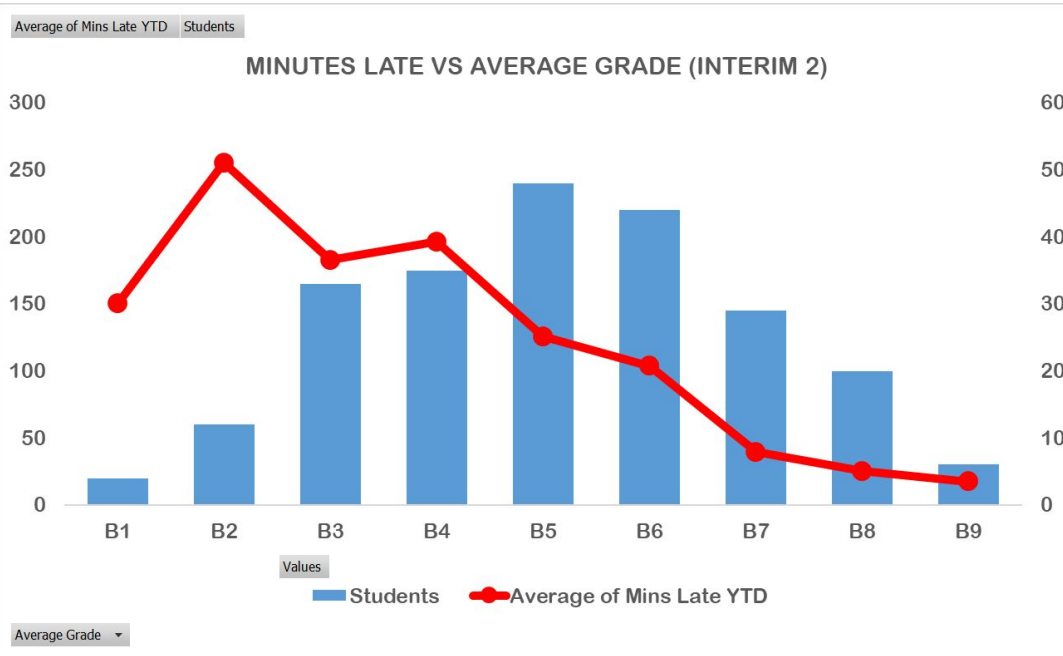
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



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Punctuality

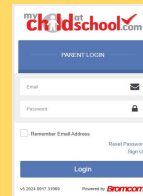


Clear correlation between lateness and average grade

Engaged and punctual students more likely to achieve grades 7 to 9

All lessons start with a 'Do Now' task from minute one

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Year 9 Curriculum Journey - Getting GCSE ready

Key Stage 3

Key Stage 4

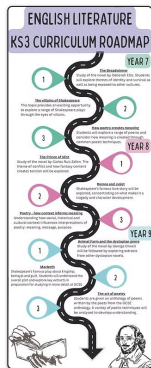
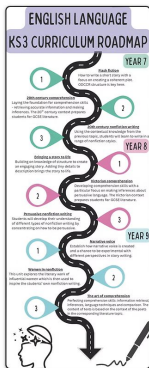
Key Stage 5

Assessment

Homework Policy

Subject Sheets

Key Stage 3 Roadmaps



MATHEMATICS Year 9 Curriculum road map

AUTUMN TERM MEASURES OF LOCATION & SPREAD; INTERPRETING & REPRESENTING DATA

STUDENTS WILL USE THE MEAN, MEDIAN, MODE AND RANGE
STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE THE MOST APPROPRIATE AVERAGE, IDENTIFY
OUTLIERS AND COMPARE DISTRIBUTIONS
STUDENTS WILL DRAW AND INTERPRET PICTOGRAMS, BAR CHARTS, PIE
CHARTS, LINE GRAPHS AND SCATTER GRAPHS, WORKING WITH
CORRELATION AND LINES OF BEST FIT
CHALLENGE: FIND THE MEAN FROM UNGROUPED/GROUPED TABLES

HT1

AUTUMN TERM EQUATIONS, INEQUALITIES & FORMULAE

STUDENTS WILL UNDERSTAND AND SOLVE EQUATIONS AND
INEQUALITIES, INCLUDING HANDLING ON BOTH SIDES
STUDENTS WILL SUBSTITUTE INTO AND REARRANGE FORMULAE
STUDENTS WILL USE TABLES TO DRAW GRAPHS, WORKING WITH
GRAPHS, INEQUALITIES AND REAL LIFE GRAPHS
CHALLENGE: INEQUALITIES WITH NEGATIVE NUMBERS, REARRANGE
COMPLEX FORMULAE, WRITE AN EQUATION IN THE FORM Y=MX+C

HT2

SPRING TERM TRANSFORMATIONS, USING PERCENTAGES

STUDENTS WILL USE LINE AND ROTATIONAL SYMMETRY
STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM AND DESCRIBE TRANSFORMATIONS
OF SHAPES, INCLUDING TRANSLATIONS, REFLECTIONS AND ENLARGEMENTS
CHALLENGE: FIND THE RESULT OF A SERIES OF TRANSFORMATIONS
ENLARGE A SHAPE BY A NEGATIVE SCALE FACTOR

HT3

SPRING TERM MATHS & MONEY, THREE DIMENSIONAL SHAPES

STUDENTS WILL SOLVE PROBLEMS INVOLVING BRACKETS, EASY, MEDIUM
AND HARD PERCENTAGE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING COMPARING INTEREST
RATES, WORKING WITH SHAPES, INCLUDING WITH NETS, PLANS
& ELEVATIONS, SURFACE AREA AND VOLUME
CHALLENGE: FIND THE VOLUMES OF CONES, PYRAMIDS AND SPHERES,
CONVERT BETWEEN UNITS OF VOLUME

HT4

RELIGIOUS STUDIES KS3 CURRICULUM ROADMAP

Lost Part 1: Building Communities

Lost Part 2: The Origins of Beliefs

Lost Part 3: Religious Practices

Sikhism Beliefs & Practices of the Sikh faith.

Buddhism Beliefs & Practices of the Buddhist faith.

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Knowledge Organisers

Year 8 Writing: Giving Life to a Story

Simile	A figure of speech that directly compares two unlike things using "like" or "as"
Metaphor	A figure of speech that directly compares two unlike things by stating that one is the other
Personification	Giving human attributes to inanimate objects, animals or abstract ideas
Mood	The feeling that a writer creates for the reader through word choice, imagery and setting.
Oxymoron	when two contradictory terms or ideas are combined to create a new meaning
Dialogue	An exchange between two or more characters in a literary work.
Plot	The sequence of events that make up a story.

My sister acts **like** a little monster



My sister **is** a little monster

How to personify

- Make it move or sound like a person
- Make it feel or think like a person - give it an emotion
- Make it look like a person - give it a human body part.

Verbs to personify

Beckon	Sing	Call
Chatter	Haunt	Grab
Weep	Dream	Intimidate
Tremble	Devour	Whisper

Sensory Imagery



Touch (*tactile*)



Sight (*Visual*)



Smell (*Olfactory*)



Taste (*Gustatory*)



Sound (*Auditory*)

"The gentle whoosh of waves breaking on the shore lulled him into a peaceful slumber."

Tiny Details

This refers to the small, subtle, and often seemingly insignificant pieces of information that an author includes in a text.

"She was nervous" =

"Her gaze flickered to the clock every few seconds, and she repeatedly smoothed the worn fabric of her skirt, though it was already

Year 8 Writing: Giving Life to a Story

Knowledge organisers help to summarise:

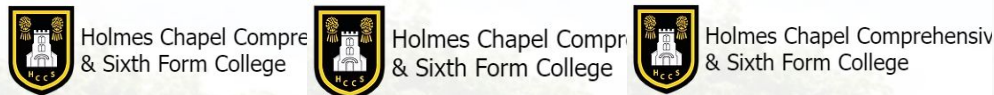
- Key terms
- Subject specific language
- Key content

The knowledge organisers will link into assessments.

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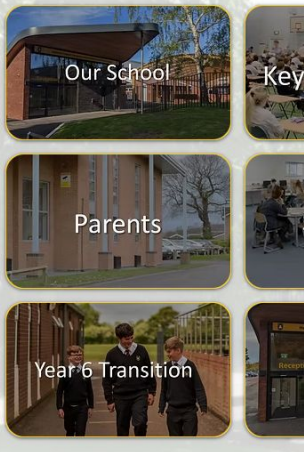
Interim Reports at the end of each term



Key Stage 3 Interim Glossary

Week Beginning 01/09/25 will be Week 0

Curriculum & Assessment Overview



Key
Assessment
Dates

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assessment dates](#)

Sixth Form
Interim
Glossary

[Click here to view our Sixth
Form Interim Glossary](#)

Interim 1

Bandings

Student Action Codes

Reading Assessments

Interim Glossary: Years 7,8,9

Achievement Points

Awarded to students for demonstrating good and effective learning behaviour in lessons and around school.

Behaviour Points

These are sanctions put in place for when behaviour or learning is inappropriate or a student fails to meet expected standards.

Attendance Expectations

At HCCS we consider attendance of utmost importance and are currently working in partnership with Cheshire East Local Authority. All students have a minimum attendance target of 98%. It is a legal requirement for a child to be present in school. You may be prosecuted if you do not give your child an education. You will normally get warnings and offers of help from the local council first.

98 – 100% Attendance	No of weeks of lost learning	Excellent! Keep it up!
95 – 97% Attendance	1-10 days of lost learning	Good. Can you reach 98%+?
90 – 94% Attendance	Between 2 and 4 weeks of lost learning	Becoming a cause for concern
85% Attendance	Almost 6 weeks of lost learning – 150 missed lessons	Poor attendance
80% Attendance	7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed – 200 lessons	Totally unacceptable. This is a serious



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When are the Key Assessments?

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Year 6 Transition

Curriculum & Assessment Overview

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Key Assessment Dates

Sixth Form Interim Glossary

Key Stage 4 Interim Glossary

Key Stage 3 Interim Glossary

Reading Assessments

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Year 9 assessment calendar (full version on our website)

week starts	Wk	Term	English	Maths	Science	History	Geography	RE	Spanish
1/9/26	1	HT1					TBC		
7/9/26	2								
14/9/26	3								
21/9/26	4								
28/9/26	5								
5/10/26	6								
12/10/26	7								
19/10/26	8		Language - story (perspective). Literature - paragraph about novel study. (give or take a week either side)		Assessment 1 - Forces in Action & Waves in Action				End of Unit Assessment - Family
2/11/26	9			INTERIM 1 ASSESSMENT					
9/11/26	10								
16/11/26	11								
23/11/26	12					History - Early 20th century & WW2 Dunkirk			
30/11/26	13							Approaches to Morality, and Ethical Theories	
7/12/26	14						Geography- Natural Hazards and Development		
14/12/26	15								End of Unit Assessment - Festivals
4/1/27	16	HT3							
11/1/27	17				Assessment 2 - Earth 1 & Digestion and Evolution				
18/1/27	18								
25/1/27	19				KS4 content begins				
1/2/27	20								
8/2/27	21								End of Unit Assessment - Town and Region
22/2/27	22	HT4		INTERIM 2 ASSESSMENT					
1/3/27	23		Language - non-fiction comprehension. Literature - Shakespeare extract analysis. (give or take a week either side)						
8/3/27	24							Applied Ethics	
15/3/27	25							Applied Ethics	End of Unit Assessment - Film and TV
22/3/27	26					History - 20thC Motown v Rap Assessment	Geography- Dynamic Atmosphere		
12/4/27	27	HT5							

Helping you to plan ahead

- Use the end of unit assessment schedule to support your child's independent learning.
- **Satchel One** and **Google classroom** contain all homework and lesson content
- If you have any subject queries please contact the [subject leads](#).



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Overcoming Challenges - Smart Learning



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Week Beginning 01/

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Curriculum

Welcome to our Smart Learning and out of school. The best term you might want to decide with revision and recall (after)

There are so many myths about means they genuinely work

Thank you to Dan Conley at

OUR CURRICULUM
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DURING LEARNING

Time for the main event - learning strategies, tips and techniques this advice. It's worth the risk

Knowledge Organiser

Flash Cards

REVISION & FOCUS APPS

There are plenty of apps available to help you revise and focus. Here are just three of the ones we recommend.



Revisely

Revisely - This app will turn any notes, cue cards, PowerPoint presentations, or knowledge organisers into multiple choice questions in seconds. For example, you can upload a knowledge organiser from Firefly and it very cleverly generates a quiz based on the knowledge organiser. It is great for testing knowledge retrieval.



Flora - Green Focus

Flora - This app helps you to minimise distractions and focus more effectively. Students typically find it very difficult to maintain concentration, but Flora has been shown to help students remain on task whilst revising. If you are someone who struggles focusing, or likes to procrastinate, then this is a fantastic app.



Adapt - Revision Planning

Adapt - This app will generate a revision timetable for you based on your subjects and exam boards. All you need to do is type in your subjects and the exam board that you are with, and it will give you a personalised timetable that will help you balance your revision over the next few months. It is often very difficult to work out a balanced and effective timetable for all of your subjects, but Adapt will do all of the work for you. It then gives you a daily to-do list of topics to study.



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If you have any questions
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then please proceed to the
sixth form study area



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How we will achieve this vision...

- By working together
- Through trust
- Through good habits
- Through determination
- Clear eye on a goal



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Thank you for coming

Any questions please complete this [form](#)

Next up: Options Evening 21st January



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