



# Welcome to the Year 8 Parent and Carer Information Evening



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*\*New Tutors' Evening  
Thursday 19th October*

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# Lessons



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# Mathematics

# Mathematics

## Support for all – in lessons

- **Excellent lessons** – total commitment from all students (and teachers!)
- **Curriculum plans**, of what went before and what is coming up, are shared for each unit.
- **DNA topics** recall important prior learning at the “right time” so they are as important as the main lesson.
- Some topics we are learning now will appear on their final **GCSE**!



**Pearson Edexcel Code 1MA1**  
**GCSE Mathematics (1–9)**

# Mathematics



## Support for all – homework

- All homework is set on Sparx each week
- It now logs in using the school SSO
- The homework tracks our curriculum and provides practice and support at just the right time for deeper learning
- The AI allows it to adjust to each child's understanding and build from there
- **Every question** is accompanied by an explanatory video
- Therefore, we expect 100% on all tasks!
- This is a high bar, but **achievable for everyone**
- If your child is spending more than 45 minutes **working** on this, please ask them to stop! We will notice, and help.
- Use **Target** and **XP Boost** to extend learning or have extra practice





## Week 5

Due an hour ago

Homework type: Compulsory

Overall completion



Time taken  
0h 43m

Video time  
0h 7m

Status  
Incomplete

Attempted  
30/31

Unattempted  
1/31

### Set this week

#### 1. Calculating with roots and powers

A	B	C	D	E
2				4

#### 2. Estimating roots and powers

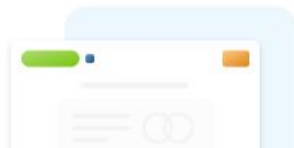
A	B	C	D	E
	3	2		

#### 3. Using standard form with positive indices

A	B	C	D	E

#### 4. Estimating roots and powers

A	B
7	2

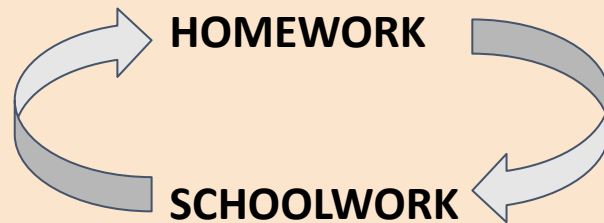


# Mathematics



## Support for all – home-school partnership

- Homework club – LRC after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Homework support – in IT1 every **Tuesday lunchtime** (either pre- or post-deadline)
- Strengths are celebrated and extended in lessons
- Class difficulties are noticed and resolved in real time
- **Student Homebooks** will contain vital notes for their homework, and should be the place where they write down **all of their homework**. They should bring them to school **every day they have a Maths lesson!**



# Mathematics

## Assessment, reporting and grouping



- Students are grouped according to the most appropriate level for their current understanding.
- Everyone follows (roughly) the same broad topics at the same time, but to different depths. For example while one group are finding percentages, another group might be understanding repeated percentage change (eg Investments).
- Students have four assessments over the year.
- For two of these, we will have a pre-test, a review lesson, and then the real test. After this, any remaining learning goals will be in the homebook – please encourage them to work on these on Sparx.
- We use assessments and classroom performance to move students between groups whenever necessary. We try to be as flexible as we can.



# Practising revision even now



## Assessment protocol

- All marks recorded centrally
- Teacher identifies target topics
- Each test analysed in detail in lesson time
- Students are being trained to critique their strategies as well as their knowledge – it's not just a case of feedback being, “try harder”!
- Students identify target topics and Sparx codes to work on, and record in their **homebook**.





# And finally

We have found that because Sparx tracks our curriculum, it is a great way to catch up missed lessons after an absence.

## Any questions?

- Please email [cwhite@johnmason.school](mailto:cwhite@johnmason.school)





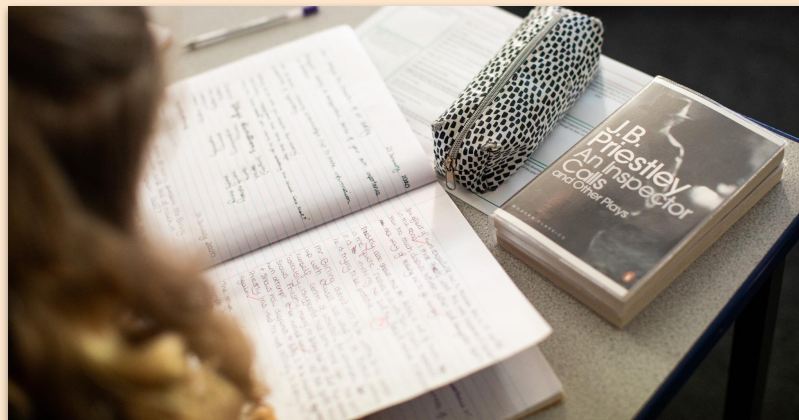
# English

Ms Butler – Director of English, Associate Senior Leader

# English

## Support for all

- Excellent lessons aimed and supporting pupils whilst developing independence
- Challenging and diverse range of texts
- A focus on supporting pupils to be able to write accurately using a wide variety of sentence structures.
- Regular extended writing
- Mid and end of term assessments





# English curriculum: text choices



Blood Brothers by Willy Russell



Romeo and Juliet by Shakespeare



Protest poems & speeches  
- various





# English curriculum: Everybody Writes!



Letter



Speech



Article



# English Homework: Bedrock

Support for all



A vocabulary building programme which supports pupils to become more confident using academic vocabulary

Supports improved outcomes for literacy and across all subject areas

Is matched to the ability of each student

HW is to complete 2 lessons a week - Wednesday to Wednesday





## Have you read...

- Robin Stevens series A Murder Most Unladylike Mysteries
- Peter Bunzl's Cogheart books (Cogheart, Moonlocket...)
- Simon Mason's Garvie series (Running Girl...)
- Phillip Reeves' Mortal Engines (Mortal Engines, Predator's Gold)
- H.L. Dennis's Secret Breakers (The Power of Three, Orphan of the Flames)

## Or...

- Raybearer – Jordan Ifueko
- Shine – Candy Gourlay
- Malamander – Thomas Taylor
- The Girl who speaks Bear – Sophie Anderson



# Any questions?

- Please email [sbutler@johnmason.school](mailto:sbutler@johnmason.school)





# Homework



## Year 8 Homework Timetable

This timetable shows you when homework is due for each subject. All homework is set with a minimum of a week until the deadline to ensure you can organise your work around your other commitments.

Please note due to rotations in some subjects there may be slight adjustments to this.

Week A	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Geography History Computing	Maths English	MFL 1st Language	Science

Week B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Geography History	Maths English	MFL 2nd Language	Science

Visual Arts, Music and Drama will include longer-term projects, due in at intervals dependent on the class group. These will be posted on Bromcom.



# Personal Development

<b>Drugs and alcohol</b> Alcohol and drug misuse Pressures relating to drug use	<b>Identity and relationships</b> Gender identity Sexual orientation Consent 'Sexting' Introduction to contraception	<b>Community and careers</b> Equality of opportunity in careers and life choices. Different types and patterns of work Work law and human rights	<b>Emotional wellbeing</b> Mental health and emotional wellbeing. Body image and self esteem	<b>Discrimination</b> Discrimination in all its forms, including: racism, religious discrimination, disability, sexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia	<b>Setting goals</b> Learning strengths, career options and goal setting as part of the GCSE options process
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## Snapshot sessions:

Fundamental British Values  
First aid and personal safety  
Testicular and breast health/examination  
Misogyny  
Microaggressions

# Mental Health & Wellbeing



## For All:

- Embedded within Personal Development sessions
- Assemblies – CAMHS and NH.
- Tutors/pastoral team

## Referred:

- Exam stress groups.
- Natalie Hunt Supervision.
- School Counsellor.
- CAMHS in reach groups.
- Therapy dog.

## NHS – 5 Ways to Wellbeing:

- **C**onnect
- keep **L**earning
- be **A**ctive
- take **N**otice
- **G**ive







# OX14

## Learning Partnership

Challenge, Inspire, Support



Mental  
Health &  
Wellbeing

Aspiration  
and  
Challenge

Extra  
curricular  
to develop  
Character.



**Partnership priorities**

# OX14 opportunities



- Sporting activities
- Natalie Hunt wellbeing sessions.
- Peer Support Leads
- Academic mentoring
- Lecture & performance invites.
- OX14 Biology Magazine
- Environmental group
- Rugby coaching course
- Free Yoga sessions

<https://www.ox14lp.org.uk/about-us/>





# Learning Support

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# Structure of the week

Tutor Time



# Morning Tutor Time- DEAR Time

## Afternoon Tutor Time

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
John Mason LEGENDS	Votes for Schools	Personal Development/ Gareth Southgate book sessions	Assembly	Quiz



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Leadership



E

Excellence



G

Giving



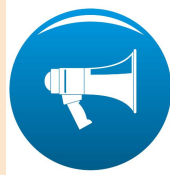
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Environment



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Noteworthy



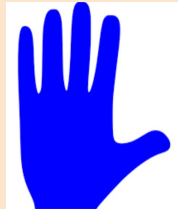
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Diversity



S

Service



In Year 8 and Year 9,  
we will be focussing  
on these important  
words, and how we  
can make things  
better for you and  
for the rest of the  
school

Every Monday  
afternoon in tutor  
time will be  
LEGENDS Day



# Clubs



- Warhammer Club
- D&D Club
- Chess Club
- Eco Club
- STEM Club
- Choir
- Band
- .... what clubs will Year 8 start this year?





## SPORTS CLUBS



DAY	Lunchtime Sports hall Just bring your trainers to get changed into for lunchtime clubs	Afterschool Bring PE kit to get changed into for after school clubs
Monday	Basketball KS3 (Year 7-8) Mr Borja and Mr Dhiman  Table Tennis GCSE PE only Miss Gibson	
Tuesday	Badminton KS3 (Year 7-8) Mr Dhiman and Mr Borja	Boys Rugby club all Years 9 and 10 Mr Borja  Boys Football Year 8 and 9 Mr Wileman and Mr Dhiman  Netball KS4 Years 10 , 11 and GCSE Yr 11 Mrs Marriott and Miss Gibson
Wednesday	Badminton KS4 (Year 9,10, 11) Miss Gibson	Boys Rugby club year 7 and 8 Mr Dhiman and Mr Vohn and Mr Lee  Boys Football Year 10 and Year 11 Mr Borja and Mr Conroy  Netball KS3 Years 7, 8 and 9 Miss Gibson
Thursday	Basketball KS4 (Year 9, 10, 11) Mr Borja and Mr Dhiman	Girls football all years Miss Gibson  Boys Basketball Year 9-11 Mr Borja



# Events





# Welsh Farm & School Council





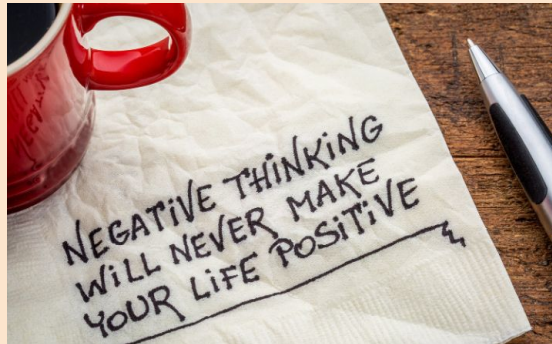
# Behaviour for Learning



We have very high expectations of behaviour and attitudes to learning at John Mason School

The vast majority of our students do a great job every day- and deserve our attention and praise

Where students don't make the right decisions, we do a lot of work behind the scenes to support these students and their families





# Celebration



*Let's* Celebrate!

- Positive Points on Bromcom -> emails home, and notes on MCAS
- Teachers focusing more overtly on the many positives both inside and outside the classroom
- Students celebrated in assemblies
- End of every term- students with highest points (and other successes) celebrated by senior staff
- Celebration Tea- and other events to come



my **child** at school  .com





Mr Wileman

Dashboard *Homepage and Launchpad*

## Attendance

[More](#)

Period	Subject	Mark
AM	Tutor Group	✓

## Timetable

[More](#)

Period	Subject	Class	Teacher	Time
AM	Tutor Group		Mr S Payne	08:30
1	Science		Mrs J Barraclough	08:45
2	Drama		Mr B Harrison	09:45
3	Maths		Mr C White	11:10
4	Food & Nutrition		Mrs L Brooks	12:10
Tutor	Registration		Mr S Payne	13:50
5	English		Ms S Butler	14:10



## Announcements

[More](#)

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## Dinner Money

*Dinner Balance Summary*Deposit Amount : £ [Add to Basket](#)

## Clubs &amp; Trips

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## Behaviour

[More](#)

Date	Description	Status
29/09/23	C2 - Formal warning	✗
27/09/23	demonstrating the school value of being Determined To Be The Best That We Can Be	✓
27/09/23	demonstrating the school value of Valuing Ourselves and Each Other	✓
25/09/23	C2 - Formal warning	✗
25/09/23	demonstrating the school value of being Determined To Be The Best That We Can Be	✓



Mr Wileman

2023 - 2024

August							September							October							November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Forgot his PE kit again

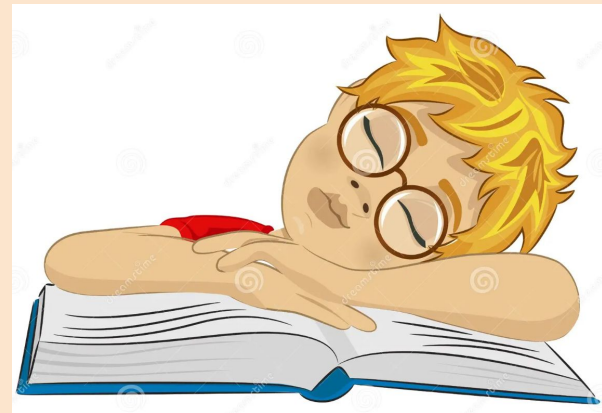
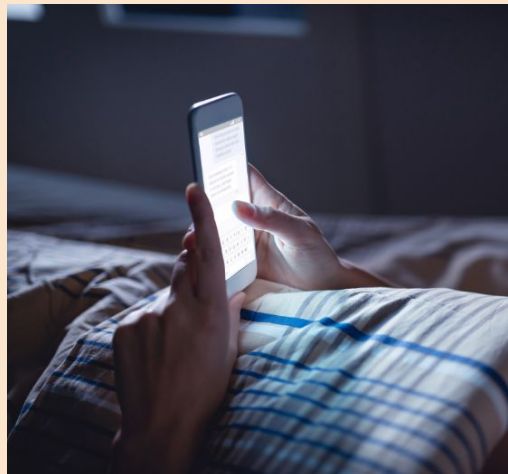
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# A plea from me regarding social media and phones...





Year 8 are a terrific year group, we have high standards for them, and we are excited to see what they can achieve this year

Thank you for coming this evening, and for your support