

Welcome to KS3 Key to Success Evening

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Headteacher's Welcome

Mrs Critchlow

Aims of this evening



> To share key information to ensure you are informed.

➤To give hints and tips to support your child and share where they can access support in school.

➤To share subject specific information for English , Maths and Science.

At Alder:

- > We are on an **improvement** journey [Outcomes/Ofsted/SEND feedback is need for change]
- > We have high expectations in terms of standards [Uniform/Behaviour/Ready to learn]
- > We have high aspirations for our students [National Curriculum/Aspirational for ALL/Timetable]
- > We expect a **positive attitude** to learning [More important than ability achieve YOUR potential]
- > You need a strong **work ethic** [No substitute for HARD work]
- > You must demonstrate our ALDER Values and follow the school rules [Develop your character]
- Low-Level behaviour [eg chatting] has massive impact on a] their learning and b] other students' learning
- Independent learning/Homework [Every evening]
- > Attend school [On time, every lesson, every day]

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Attendance

Students should aim for **100% attendance**

- Absent students rarely catch up: Simply too much content and not enough time
- Strong correlation between attendance and achievement

✓ Over 95%: average progress score of 0.55

✓ Below 92%: average progress score of -0.32

Punctuality

- To school/lessons: Says a lot about their attitude towards learning
- Instilling life skills needed to be successful in the real world



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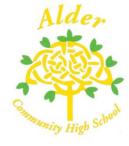
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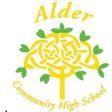
- > Work in **partnership** with us [Communicate call, email, Class Charts]
- Support Alder's **High Expectations** [Benefit them longer term 3 equal members of a team]
- Promote good work ethic at home and take an interest [Provide: quiet study room, routines, take an interest, ask questions]
- Promote good behaviour & attendance [Vital to success]
- Reward 'effort' rather than outcome [If working hard, reassure them you are 'happy' no matter the result]
- Careful of 'deflection' ["Can't do it"/"Too hard"/"No homework"/"Teacher doesn't help me"]
- Encourage responsibility & maturity [Life skills]
- Keep us informed [If an issue will work together towards a resolution]

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Deputy Headteacher: Mr White

Culture

Behaviour and Attitudes



- We have high expectations for our learners' behaviour and conduct and we will appry these expectations consistently and fairly. This is reflected in our learners' behaviour and conduct
- Our learners' attitudes to their education are *positive*. We want our students to be committed to their learning, know how to study effectively and do so, they will need to be *resilient* to setbacks and take pride in their achievements
- Our learners will need to have *high attendance and are punctual*
- The *relationships* among our learners and our staff reflect a positive and respectful culture.
- Our leaders, teachers, other staff and learners create an environment where bullying, learner-on-learner abuse or discrimination are not tolerated. If they do occur, our staff will deal with issues quickly and effectively, and we will not allow them to spread.

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Our Alder Values

Altruism

Having a genuine and selfless concern for others.

Leadership

Inspiring and empowering a community to achieve a shared vision by leading by example.

Diversity

Celebrating, accepting and respecting that everyone is different both in school and in our community.

Excellence

Striving to achieve your best in all that you do.

Resilience

Turning challenges into something positive and never giving up.



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Behaviour Expectations



Attend every lesson on time.

Let others learn.

Dress in correct uniform and be equipped for learning.

Excel in your own learning.

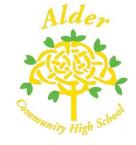


Mobile phones and other devices (including headphones) must NOT be seen or heard anywhere on the school site

they will be confiscated and an adult will need to collect



Respect everybody and everything in our community.



Our students 'Personal Development':



- Our curriculum extends beyond the academic, technical or vocational. We provide our learners' with broader development opportunities, helping develop and discover their interests and talents
- Our wider work support learners to develop their character including their resilience, confidence and *independence* and help them know how to keep physically and mentally healthy
- Ensuring we *prepare our learners for future success* in their next steps
- Prepare our learners for life in modern Britain by: equipping them to be responsible, respectful, active citizens who contribute positively to society; developing their understanding of fundamental British values; developing their understanding and appreciation of diversity; celebrating what we have in common and promoting respect for the different protected characteristics as defined in law

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Progress Leaders

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Mrs Paul - Year 7 Mrs Robertson – Year 8 Miss Howell – Year 9

Progress Leader

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

- Achievement meetings
- Meetings with parents/students
- Liaise with staff throughout the year
- Progress report

BEHAVIOUR

- Reports
- Available before and after school and social times throughout the day
- Monitor behaviour
- Meet with parents and students
- Interventions

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Altruism – Leadership – Diversity – Excellence - Resilience

PASTORAL SUPPORT

- Referrals for in-school support and external agency support
- 1 to 1 meetings
- Attendance and punctuality

CELEBRATE STUDENT SUCCESS

- We are Alder values
- Awards assemblies
- Parent/Student announcements
- Social media posts
- Rewards trip
- Rewards Shop

Uniform Alder blazer

Plain black V neck jumper (optional) Plain white shirt – tucked in Black tailored trousers or plain black tailored school skirt with tights Green tie – house colour logo Plain black formal school shoes Plain black or white socks

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Uniform

- Sleeves rolled up
- Stretchy, shiny materials, hipster style, leggings, ankle grazers and skinny leg trousers and other types of similar fashion trousers.
- Skirts rolled , skirts made of jersey, Lycra or shiny material. Skirts with splits. Tube skirts.
- Hoodies or sweatshirts of any kind (not beyond the gate)
- Trainer style/crossover shoes/platform soles or heels.
- All other socks apart from plain black/white (now bows/frills)
- False nails/eyelashes
- Extreme haircuts / colour
- Mobile phones/smart watches
- Earrings/ piercings

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Equipment



Equipment list:

- Black Pen
- Red Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Reading Book
- Calculator
- Water Bottle



Reading

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Key Dates

Progress Updates will be sent home each term, so that you are informed, and can have discussions with your child regarding their progress.

	Year 7		Year 8	Year 9		
17/10	Welcome to Alder	WC 23/09	HPV Immunisations	13/11	We are Alder Day	
	evening	13/11	We are Alder Day	11/12	Flu vaccinations	
13/11	We are Alder Day	11/12	Flu vaccinations	12/12	Parents evening and	
11/12	Flu Vaccinations	12/12	Parents evening		options evening	
05/02	We are Alder day 2	05/02	We are Alder day 2	27/01	Immunisation boosters	
27/03	Parents evening	WC 18/06	Exams	05/02	We are Alder day 2	
WC 18/06	Exams	01/07	Summer music concert	WC 18/06	Exams	
01/07	Summer music concert	14/07	Awards evening	01/07	Summer music concert	
14/07	Awards evening	16/07	We are Alder day 3	14/07	Awards evening	
16/07	We are Alder day 3	17/07	Sports award evening	16/07	We are Alder day 3	
17/07	Sports award evening	21/07	Activities day	17/07	Sports award evening	
21/07	Activities day			21/07	Activities day	

Support Available

- Class Teachers subject specialists!
- Form Tutors
- Mrs Birch Attendance and Wellbeing Officer
- Progress Leaders
- Mr Lamb Assistant Headteacher Raising Achievement
- > SEN Team
- School-based counsellor
- School leadership team

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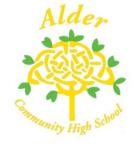
Academic Progress

Mr Lamb Assistant Headteacher – Raising Achievement

Keeping You Informed

- Key to Success Evening
- Class Charts
- Parents Evening
- Progress updates
 - Attendance & Punctuality
 - Behaviour & achievement points
 - % of curriculum learnt
 - Average
 - Behaviour
 - Engagement in learning
 - Homework

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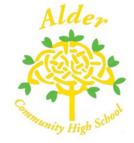
Independent Learning – Homework



- Homework set on Class Charts
- Principles of Homework:
 - should require some deep thinking
 - activities must be meaningful and relevant
- Homework tasks should fulfil one of the following purposes :
 - Consolidate learning
 - Extend Learning
 - Prepare for learning

What you put in you get out!

Independent Learning – Examination Preparation



- Internal Exams summer term
- All subjects
- Exam hall / Classroom
- Prepares students for final GCSE examinations
- Independent learning strategies (Revision) developed in form time curriculum.

What you put in you get out!

SEND

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Miss Huddleston: SENDCo Ms Sloan: Assistant Headteacher Inclusion

Key Staff:

- Mrs Allford Learning Support Manager
- Mrs Heywood SEND Administrator
- Miss Huddleston SENDCo (NASENCo)
- Ms Sloan AHT SEND and Inclusion (NASENCo)
- Team of Teaching Assistants

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- Increased co-production working with parents, carers and pupils
- We believe that clear and consistent communication creates the best environment for students to progress
- Appointments can be made to discuss progress with the SENDCo or a member of the Learning Support team where necessary
- EHCPs are officially reviewed annually, and progress reviews may be scheduled when requested.
- The SEND department has a dedicated email address which is monitored by the SENDCo: <u>sen@alderchs.uk</u>



 We believe that all learners, including those with SEND, should have the opportunity to experience a broad, balanced and appropriate curriculum.

 We have high aspirations and expectations of all students and believe that this is the best way to ensure that students leave Alder with the right skills and qualifications to make their next steps into adulthood.

 At Alder, all teachers are responsible and accountable for the progress and development of all the students in their class and will communicate with families in line with school reporting and monitoring policies.

Support for Year 9 Options

• Our students with SEND will be offered a broad and ambitious range of options.

Access Arrangements

- The assessing and awarding of access arrangements is a formal process and we must comply with JCQ regulations to put these in place.
- Depending on the needs of the student, appropriate arrangements may be made if they meet the required standards set out in the guidance, and it is embedded as their 'Normal Way of Working'

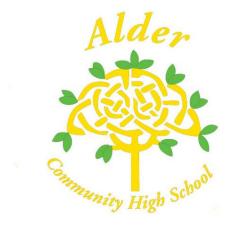
Local Offer, Support and Guidance

- We encourage families to access support from
- outside services as this can create opportunities to form
- additional support networks.
 - owww.tameside.gov.uk/sendiass
 - o<u>www.ipsea.org.uk</u>
 - o<u>www.ourkidseyes.org</u>
 - owww.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/parents
 - owww.adhdfoundation.org.uk

Links to the local offer for Tameside:

Our local authority's local offer is published here: <u>Tameside SEND Local Offer</u>

Key to Success in English



Alder Community High School

English Department

Key staff

Miss V Lang: Curriculum Leader of English Miss J Darlington: Assistant Curriculum Leader of English Miss Simpson: Teacher of English Mr Halton: Teacher of English Miss McDonald: Teacher of English Mr Bowman: Teacher of English Miss Huddleston: Teacher of English and SENCo Miss Ellis: Teacher of English and Assistant Head Teacher Miss Sloan: Teacher of English and Assistant Head Teacher

As a department, we are aiming to:

- Build passion for English through a challenging curriculum.
- Ensure students have an in-depth knowledge of a broad, diverse range of texts across time
- Ensure students retain and build upon their English knowledge.
- Encourage students to use challenging, academic language in your written and spoken work.
- Develop student understanding of the cultural, social and political world around them.
- Ensure they excel in their exams and beyond.

What does English look like in Year 7?

Autumn

The theme(s) of Conflict and Rebellion, with an in-depth reading of *Safiyyah's War* by Hiba Noor Khan

Spring

The theme(s) of Crime and Punishment, with an exploration of *Oliver Twist*, by Charles Dickens

Summer

The theme(s) of Heroes and Villains, with an exploration of *Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare

What does English look like in Year 8?

Autumn

The theme(s) of Morality and Responsibility, with an in-depth reading of A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens

Spring

The theme of Political Protest, with an in-depth reading of Animal Farm, by George Orwell

Summer

A scheme entitled It's Grim Up North, with an in-depth reading of *Blood Brothers*, by Willy Russell

What does English look like in Year 9?

Autumn

The theme(s) of Power and Control, with an in-depth reading of *The Tempest*, by William Shakespeare

Spring

The Gothic, with an in-depth reading of Jekyll and Hyde, by Robert Louis Stevenson

Summer



The theme(s) of The Powerful and the Helpless, with an in-depth reading of *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley and an exploration of Romantic poetry, including poets such as Claude McKay.

Knowledge Organisers

Students will be given a Knowledge Organiser at the beginning of each scheme of work.

They are designed to:

- Scaffold learning
- Support retention of key knowledge
- Be accessible and concise

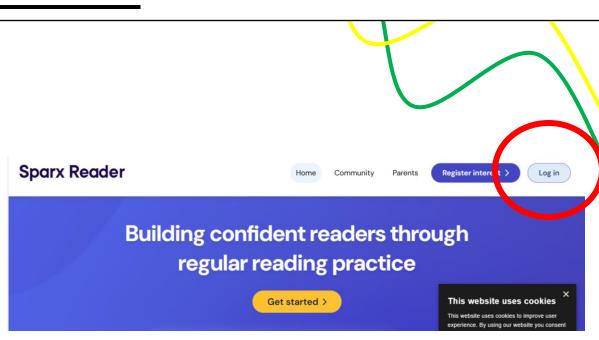
Character	Summary	Subject terminology	Definition	Key vocabulary	Definition
Dr Jekyli	A well-respected Victorian Gentleman. Jekyll is an intelligent and wealthy scientist	Grotesque imagery	Language that creates a strange of unpleasant image in the reader's mind.	Bestial	Savage, like an animal.
		0.0		Cantankerous	Bad-tempered, argumentative and uncooperative.
	A second s	Juxtaposition	Exaggeration for effect. Two things being seen or placed close together for contrasting effect.		
Mr Hyde	A mysterious and grotesque man who no one truly knows.			Debase	To reduce something in quality or value
Mr Utterson	A respectable lawyer, friends with Jekyll and Lanyon.			Duality	The state or quality of being two or in two parts.
		Matif	A recurring subject, image, theme or idea within a	Grotesque	Ugly or unpleasant to look at.
DriLanyon	Dr Jekyll's close friend.		text	Harbinger	A person or thing that shows that something (usually bad) is going to happen soon. Dr. a person who initiates change.
		Nomenclature	Using names for deeper, symbolic meaning	1	
Poole	Dr Jekyll's butler.			Irrepressible	Not able to be controlled or restrained.
Mr Richard	Mr Utterson's friend and cousin.	Pathetic fallacy	To give emotions to non-human objects.		
Enfield	The other sort is might and cousin.	Symbolism	The use of a sign/ image/ object to represent an idea.	Menacing	Something that seems clangerous or threatening.
Sir Danvers	A wealthy and respected Member of Parliament.		icea.	Ominous	Giving the impression that something bad is going to happen
Carew		Zoomarphism	Language that describes people, objects or places using animal attributes.	Solitary	Private, alone, unsociable.
			Contextual factors		
The Victorian Gentleman	In the 19 th century, a man's reputation was socially acceptable desires. If your reputati	incredibly important. Me on was damaged, this wo	n were expected to behave in a collite and respectable manner, ald affect your entire. If and you could be shunned from societ	at all times. They were expe y.	ected to repress their emotions and they were expected to hide their le
The 'Other'	In the 19 th century, members of lociety were both facinated and alraid of anyone they saw as 'Other' – different from the norm. This included those who had physical disabilities who society viewed as grossages " <u>trades</u> ". This fear may have come both from the repression in Victorian society and tears about how the effects of the expansion of the British Empire may charge who was seen as acceptable in a society that valued strict rules of effects.				
Science vs Religion	Society in the 13 th contrary was incredibly proliptory. Obstrately was the predominant religion. Publication of Darwin's The Origin of the Spacies in 1859 Introduced the public to his Theory of Evolution. Many people belowed that the was an attack on wiljoin itself as it seemed to upgest that it was impossible for God to have created the world in seven days, as indicated in the Bble. Many people belowed that clones and religion were opposing concepts.				
The Gothic genre	Gotic novis became incredibly popular in the 10 th contary due to increased interest in the supernatural and the repressed nature of society. Gotic novels are characterised by a sense of classrophotia, the supernatural, externe emotions and pathetic falloy. Gotic novels incredibly pathetic falloy. Gotic symbols include the cross, locked record, get/record, get/record, and pathetic falloy.				
The Fall of Man (Adam and Eve)	Orristianity was the predominant religion in live in the Garden of Eden: a paradise creat innocence.	n 19 th century England and ed by God. They are terry	I the story of Adam and Eve, taken from The Bible, was used to tood by the Devil to defy God and eat from the Tree of Knowled	explain the existence of both ge. God then expels them fr	h good and evil in all markind. Adam and Eve, the first man and woman rom Eden. This is referred to as Original Sin and is symbolic of lost

<u>Homework</u>

This year, all KS3 students will have weekly homework set on SparxReader.

SparxReader encourages students to read widely and often, and uses their reading test (completed in English lessons) to assess their current reading level and support them to select the best book for them.

Students can swap or change their book if it is too difficult, or simply if they are not enjoying it.



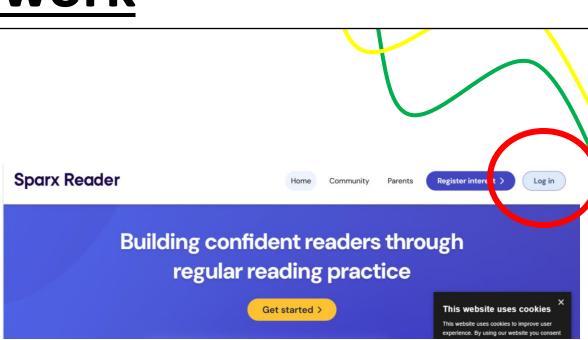
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Every Tuesday, students will have SparxReader homework to complete.

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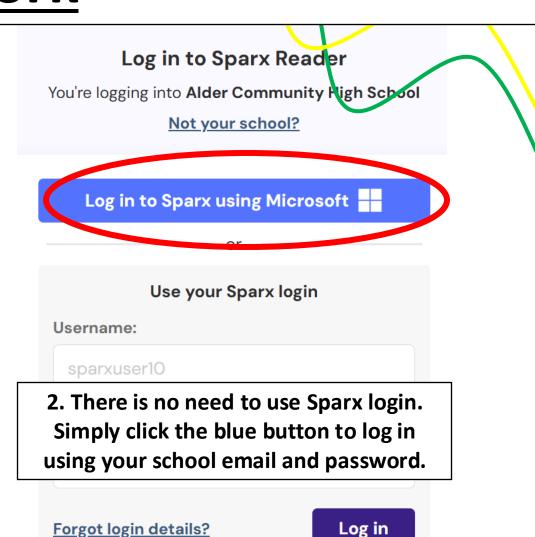
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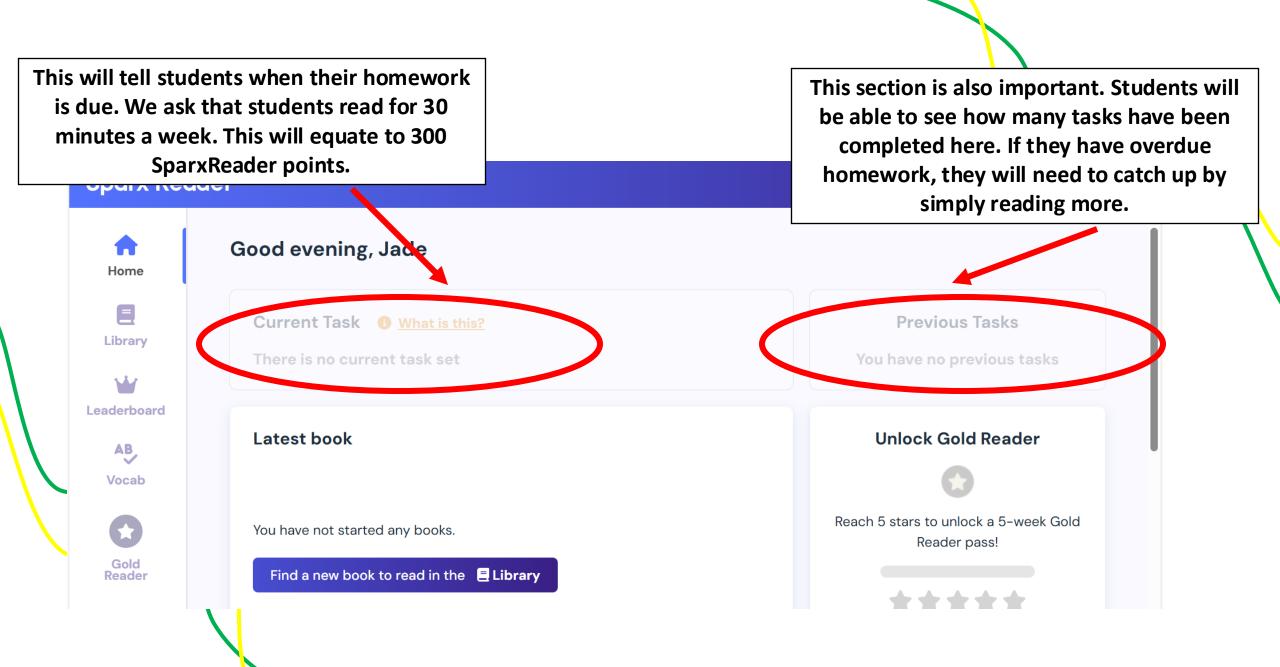
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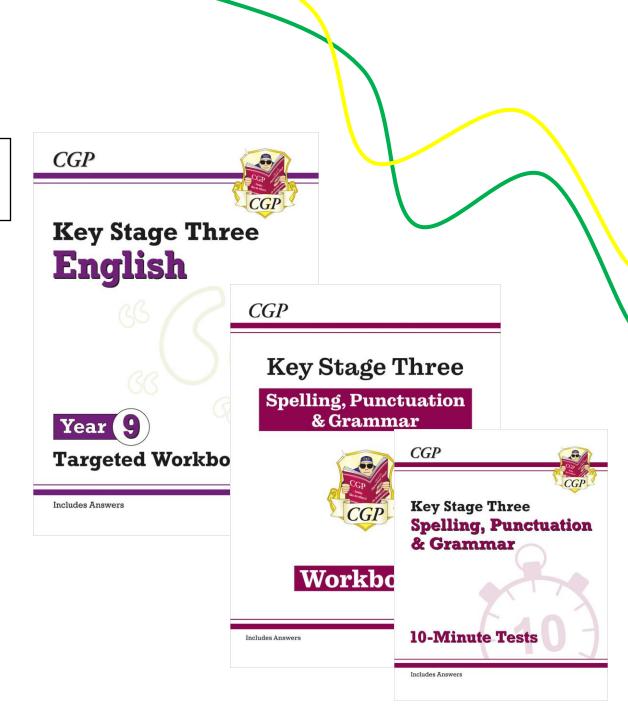


If you would like further support or information on SparxReader, please follow this link:

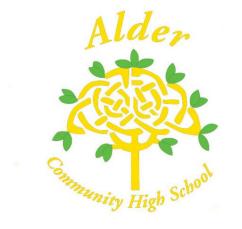
Sparx Reader - A parent's guide to Sparx Reader

<u>Support</u>

You can purchase a range of revision guides to support your child at KS3. They are available via ParentPay.



Key to Success in Maths



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#WE ARE ALDER MATHS

Mathematics

Meet the Team:

Mr G Williams – Curriculum Leader (11) Mr R Tidy – Lead Practitioner (pedagogy) Mr T Lindsay – Assistant Curriculum Leader (9&10)

Ms M Reeve – Assistant Curriculum Leader (7&8)

Mr R Musson Ms P Rayson Mr A Smith

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Maths is about...

Deep Thinking - Your brain like any muscle needs exercise.

Role Modelling - Not just positive behaviour but having resilience too.

Impact - Recognise each of your successes, especially when you gave your best effort.

Challenge - Overcoming a challenge is often about breaking things into manageable chunks.

Engagement - Give it a try; we might not get it yet but we can be better.

MATHS It's not like when we were at school

Methods may look different but the core curriculum is the same $(\chi + 5)(\chi - 2)$

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Performance

- Our features of Great Maths Lessons
- Engagement
- In lesson
 - Ensure you have good notes
 - Make full opportunity to practice
 - Take part in discussion
- Out of lesson
 - Complete Sparx on time every time (break down to 10 minutes a night)
 - Make use of question level analysis sheets to plan an additional 10 minutes of independent learning

5 Key Questions parents can be asking

- 1. How do you know?
- 2. Convince me/them.
- 3. Explain why/how/why.
- 4. What if....?
- 5. Can you do it differently?



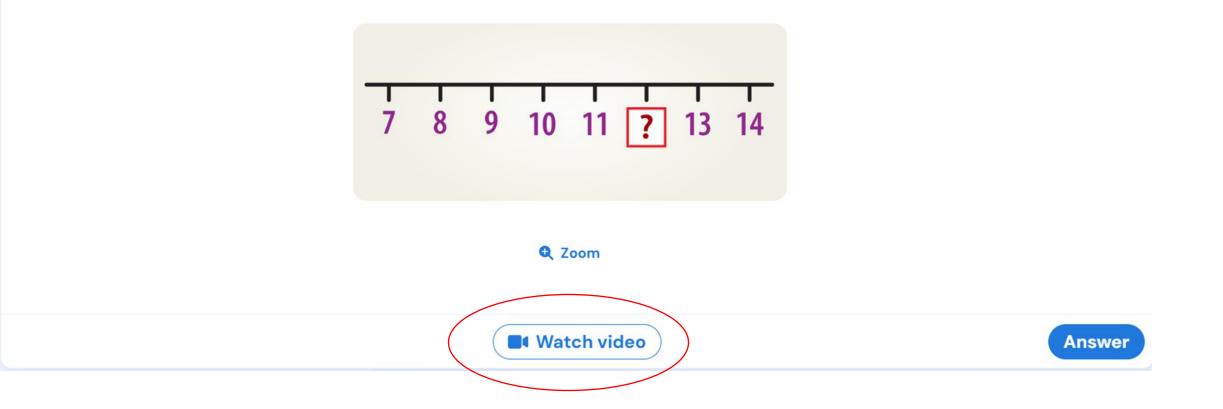


- Pupils are set **weekly homework** on Sparx.
- The homework follows our scheme of work. As well as introducing new topics it revisits previous topics for pupils too.
- Sparx uses **artificial intelligence** to learn each pupils working level, and adapts the questions to suit them. Therefore it is really important that pupils don't receive too much help from you, or anyone else.
- Pupils can let Sparx know they are struggling by watching the videos with the relevant questions. Over time Sparx will use this information to adjust the pitch.





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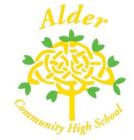


Key to Success in Science



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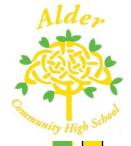
Departmental aims



- For all students to develop a sense of excitement and curiosity about natural phenomena, and the motivation to succeed within science.
- To build on prior knowledge as students develop their understanding of the subject through Key Stage 3.
- To provide students with opportunities to plan, monitor and evaluate their own learning through self-assessment, peer-assessment and independent study at home.
- To provide carefully sequenced practical work to help students to develop their scientific reasoning and enquiry skills.
- To teach explicitly the language of science within lessons, including the tier 2 words which students will need to understand to be successful within science.
- To provide a foundation for students to move into a range of diverse and valuable science careers.

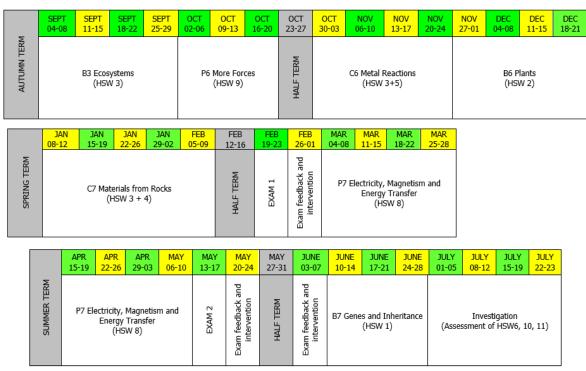
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<u>Curriculum</u>



- 'Spiralling' curriculum throughout years 7, 8 and 9
- Revisits and builds upon existing knowledge and understanding (key 'threads')





- 'How Science Works' disciplinary knowledge is developed and revisited throughout Key Stage 3 #WeAreAlder
- Altruism Leadership Diversity Excellence Resilience



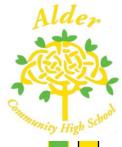
Helping students to progress

Students will work through knowledge progress booklets during each unit, providing an opportunity for regular learning checkpoints and high quality, timely feedback and intervention.

Each unit focuses on one area of disciplinary knowledge, which forms the focus of our assessment and feedback in books.

Name Set Science progress booklet C2 Mixtures and separation This booklet will help you to develop your understanding of mixtures and how to Energy from food nergy in food investigati Do some foods store more energy than others? thematical conce athematical concep Standard of presentatio





How are students assessed?



We aim for all students to learn and retain 100% of the science curriculum.

- Constant formative assessment throughout each lesson
- Formal marking of extended answers to open-ended questions
- Whole-class feedback from focused 'How Science Works' tasks
- Formal end of unit assessments, reported as a percentage

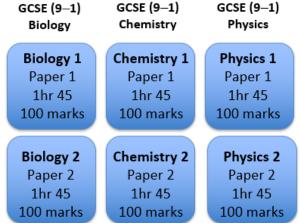
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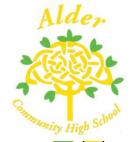
During Spring term 2025, students can choose to study **3 separate science GCSEs** when they reach Year 10.

- Triple science:
- Provides excellent preparation for studying science at A-Levels and beyond
- Provides an opportunity to work with like-minded students in a Triple Award Science set
- Enables students to learn more about a fascinating subject!
- Acceptance is based on:
- Motivation and effort in class

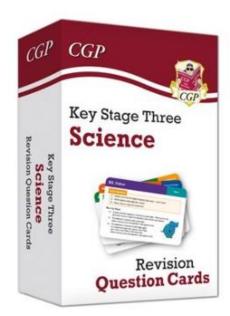
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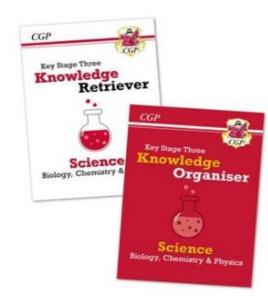






Knowledge retriever and organiser bundles are available to buy on ParentPay at a discounted school price.





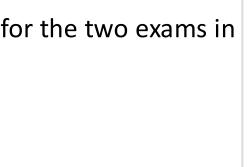
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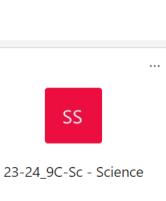
Homework

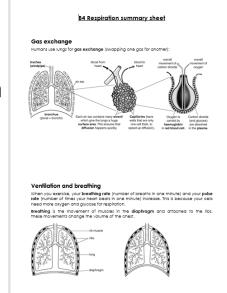
All homework is set at the end of each unit on Classcharts and recorded in students' planners.

Students use a unit summary booklet (provided as a paper copy and uploaded to Classcharts) and the work in their exercise books to complete a knowledge organiser.

This can be used to support students' independent revision for the two exams in each year.

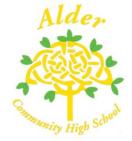






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We have been chosen to be part of the Sparx Science pilot programme this year

Watch this space.....

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Thank you