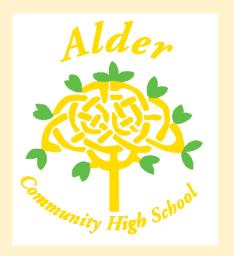


ALDER Community High School

Welcome to **Key to Success Evening** Years 7-9



Headteacher's Welcome

Mrs Critchlow

Aims

- > To enable parents to confidently support students through Key Stage 3
- > To share how students and parents can access support.
- > To share effective independent learning strategies
- > To share subject specific information for English, Maths and Science.



Welcome from the Headteacher

School update:





Welcome from the Headteacher

At Alder:

- ➤ We have **high expectations** in terms of standards habits for life [Uniform/Behaviour/Ready to learn]
- ➤ We have high aspirations for our students [Academic outcomes 'always your best']
- ➤ We expect a **positive attitude** to learning [More important than ability achieve YOUR potential]
- ➤ Produce high quality work [Over time ensures more likely to learn and achieve full potential]
- ➤ You need a strong work ethic [No substitute for HARD work]
- >We want pupils to pursue their ambitions post Alder [Academic success and GCSE's crucial]
- ➤ You must demonstrate our **ALDER Values** [Develops your character]
- Low-Level behaviour [eg chatting] has massive impact on a] their learning & b] other students' learning
- ➤ Independent learning [Homework habits]
- ➤ Attend school [On time, every lesson, every day]

NB: Other pupils across the country are doing the above



ALTRUISM LEADERSHIP DIVERSITY EXCELLENCE RESILIENCE



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 (2024 data)
- ✓ Over 95%: average progress score of 0.53
- ✓ Below 92%: average progress score of -0.34

Punctuality

- ➤ To school/lessons: Says a lot about their attitude towards learning
- **➢Job/real world:** Instilling life skills needed to be successful





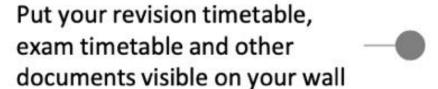
Parents

- ➤ Work in partnership with us [Communicate call, email, Class Charts]
- > Promote good behaviour & attendance [Vital to success]
- Reward 'effort' rather than outcome [If working hard, reassure them you are 'happy' no matter the result]
- >Support Alder's **High Expectations** [Benefit them longer term]
- Encourage responsibility & maturity [Life skills]
- > Promote good work ethic at home [Quiet study room]
- ➤ Be involved & monitor [Take an interest]



Good Routines at Home

Find a quiet, tidy room with minimal distractions - your bedroom, library or classroom.



Make sure you have a drink and snack with you, staying hydrated and full is important



Put your phone in another room, it is too much of a distraction -

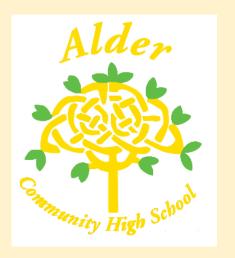
Loud music is a distraction, if you must listen, it needs to be low tempo, without lyrics

Have all your revision materials and stationary on your desk ready to go - make it obvious



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Pastoral Standards

Mrs Massey Assistant Headteacher



Alder blazer

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 if wearing trousers

Plain black V neck jumper/tank (optional)





Uniform

Alder

- Blazer sleeves rolled up
- Stretchy, shiny material, 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 (no bows/frills/logos)
- False nails/eyelashes
- Extreme haircuts / colour
- Mobile phones/smart watches/headphones
- Earrings/ piercings (even if clear plastic/covered with a plaster)



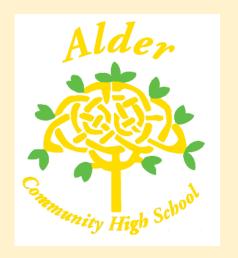
Equipment



Students are expected to have the following for each lesson every day:

- A school bag
- Black pen(s)
- A red pen
- A pencil
- A ruler
- An eraser
- A reading book
- A scientific calculator (model number Casio fx 83GTX)
- A water bottle
- Knowledge organisers
- Timetable





Behaviour and Attitudes at Alder

Mr White Deputy Headteacher -Behaviour & Culture



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.











TO ALL BE OUTSTANDING IN ALL WE DO #WeAreALDER



- 1. Respect everyone and our school environment
- Demonstrate our ALDER Values in all we do.
- 3. No mobile phones/personal ICT at any time
- 4. Correct uniform and equipment always [which includes no jewellery, no hoodies]
- 5. No chewing gum
- 6. No eating or drinking on corridors

We do this gate to gate



Speedy Starts

- S Show up on time in full uniform.
- T Teacher greets you at the door.
- A Arrive calmly and take your seat.
- R Ready your equipment on the desk.
- T Tackle your silent 'Do Now' straight away.
- S Speedy Start points awarded on Class Charts!

Clear routines

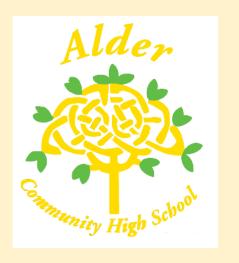
Final Focus



- F Fix the classroom: return all equipment to its place.
- O Organise your belongings in your bag.
- C Check the area for rubbish and tidy your space.
- U Uniforms checked, chairs under desks.
- S Silent, smart and still wait for your row to be dismissed.







Heads of Year

Miss Greenall – Year 7 Miss Griffiths – Year 8 Mr Bowman – Year 9

Key Dates

Year 7	
09.10.25	Welcome to Alder – Meet the Form Tutor Parent/Carer(s) Evening
12.03.26	Year 7 Parent/Carer(s) Evening

Year 8	
11.12.25	Year 8 Parent/Carer(s) Evening
27-28.04.26	Year 8 Girls & Boys HPV Immunisations

Year 9		
06-07.01.26	Year 9 Immunisations	
15.01.26	Year 9 Parent/Carer(s) Evenings & Options Information	

All Years		
02.10.25	Digital Safeguarding Webinar (online)	
08.10.25	Flu Vaccinations	
28.11.25	We Are Alder Day 1	
27.02.26	We Are Alder Day 2	
07.07.26	We Are Alder Day 3	

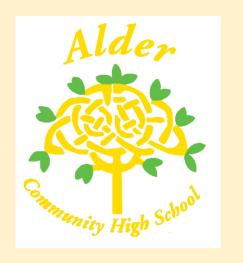
SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings run throughout the year. Details can be found on the school calendar. Our first coffee morning is 19.09.25

During the school year, Progress Updates will be sent home. This is so that you are informed and can have discussions with your child regarding their progress.

Support Available

- Class Teachers subject specialists!
- Form Tutors
- Heads of Year
- SEND Team
- Careers team
- School-based counsellor
- Student leadership team
- School leadership team





SEND

Miss Huddleston – SENDCo

SEND Support

Key staff:

Mrs McDonald – Assistant SENDCo and Medical Lead

Miss Allford – Learning Support Manager

Team of Teaching Assistants

Miss Huddleston – SENDCo (NASENDCo)

Ms Sloan – Assistant Headteacher Inclusion (NASENDCo)



SEND Support

- A broad, balanced and appropriate curriculum
- We have high aspirations and expectations of all students
- Communication with all stakeholders



Ways we communicate with you

- Increased co-production working with parents, carers and pupils
- Clear and consistent communication
- Appointments can be made to discuss progress with the SENDCo or a member of the Learning Support team where necessary
- Assistant SENDCo answer queries via telephone
- The SEND department has a dedicated email address which is monitored by the SENDCo and Assistant SENDCo: sen@alderchs.uk
- Parents evenings
- EHCPs are officially reviewed annually, and progress reviews may be scheduled when requested



SEND Support

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 strict 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

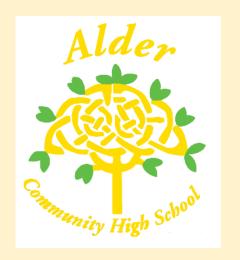
- We encourage families to access support from outside services as this can create opportunities to form additional support networks.
 - <u>Tameside-SEND-Information-Advice-and-Support-Service-(SENDIASS)-leaflet-June-2022.pdf</u>
 - o www.ipsea.org.uk
 - o www.ourkidseyes.org
 - o <u>www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/parents</u>
 - o www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

Links to the local offer for Tameside:

Our local authority's local offer is published here:

Tameside SEND Local Offer





Online Safety Hub

Mr Doran Digital Safety Lead



Online Safety Hub Trusted digital safety advice for caregivers



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Reviews Parental controls Help Social media Screen time Gaming Bullying More v



Bullying

Online Bullying FAQs

Online bullying is a serious concern for parents in the digital age. This FAQ guide addresses the unique challenges of online bullying and its impact on your child's wellbeing.





Is YouTube Shorts safe? A

guide on features and...



Social media

Social media

What is Italian Brainrot? A Parent's Guide



Help

Mental Health Support Resources Guide



Gaming

Roblox



About

See all

Parent



Social Media

YouTube

Our Age Rating: 13+

Staff



Social Media

Snapchat

Our Age Rating: 16+



Social Media

Discord

Our Age Rating: 17+



Gaming

Roblox

Our Age Rating: 12+

Qustodio Parent App

We have partnered with Qustodio to provide our families with the necessary tools and support they need to ensure their children's safety and well-being online.

Create a free account >

Parental Controls



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Getting Started With Qustodio



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Blocking Inappropriate...

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Trust and Safety



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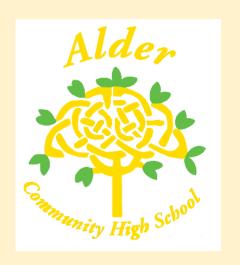
Qustodio Help & Resources



Qustodio

How to manage YouTube with...





Extra-Curricular provision at Alder

Mrs Dawson, Assistant Headteacher.

Extra-Curricular at Alder



• Opportunity to explore passions and interests outside of curriculum subjects. Identifying strengths and talents which are often hidden.



Develop relationships with peers and staff.



• Develop team building, collaboration and leadership skills



• Support well-being and confidence.



• Linked to improved academic success.

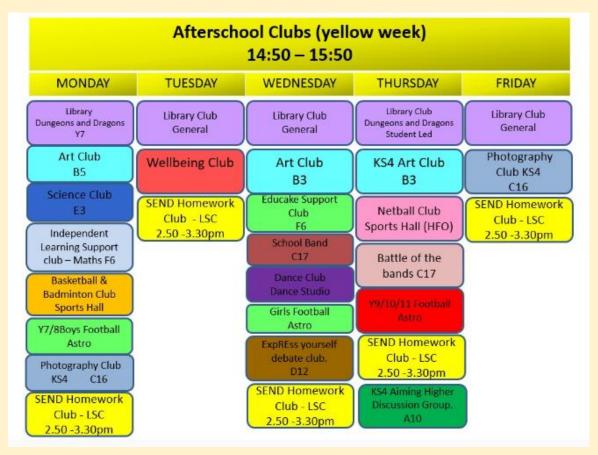


Enhances college and post=16 applications through skill development.

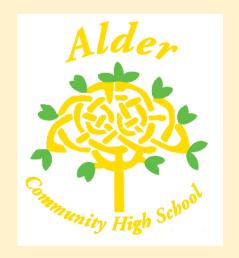
Extracurricular activities are essential for encouraging a well-rounded education, equipping students with vital life skills, and enhancing their overall well-being.

Engaging in these activities not only enriches their school experience but also prepares them for future challenges and opportunities.





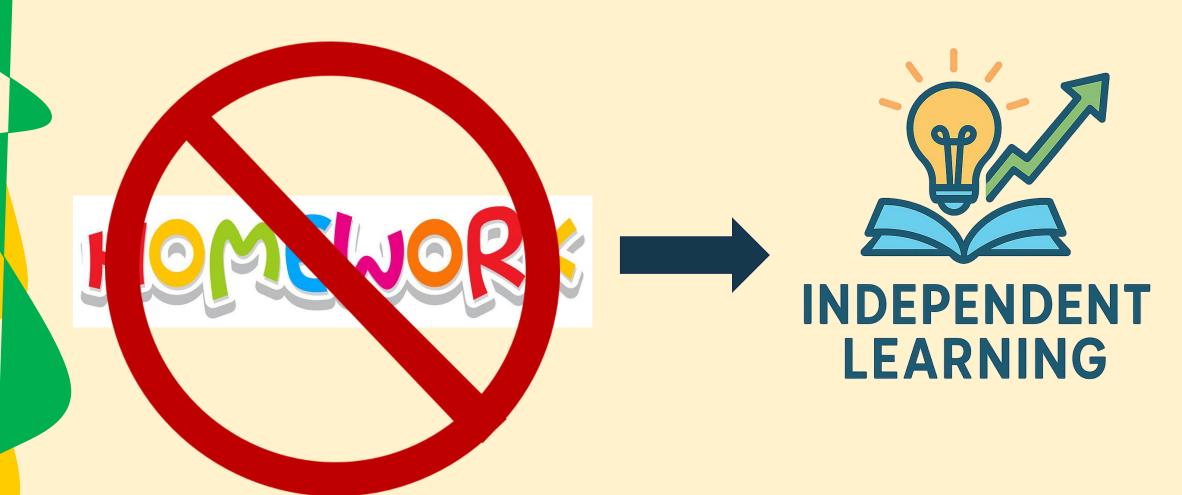
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Independent Learning Strategies

Mr Lamb Assistant Headteacher Raising Achievement

What do you need to do – independently?





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Maximising Learning

Each year is made up of:

365 days 190 school days



Independent Learning

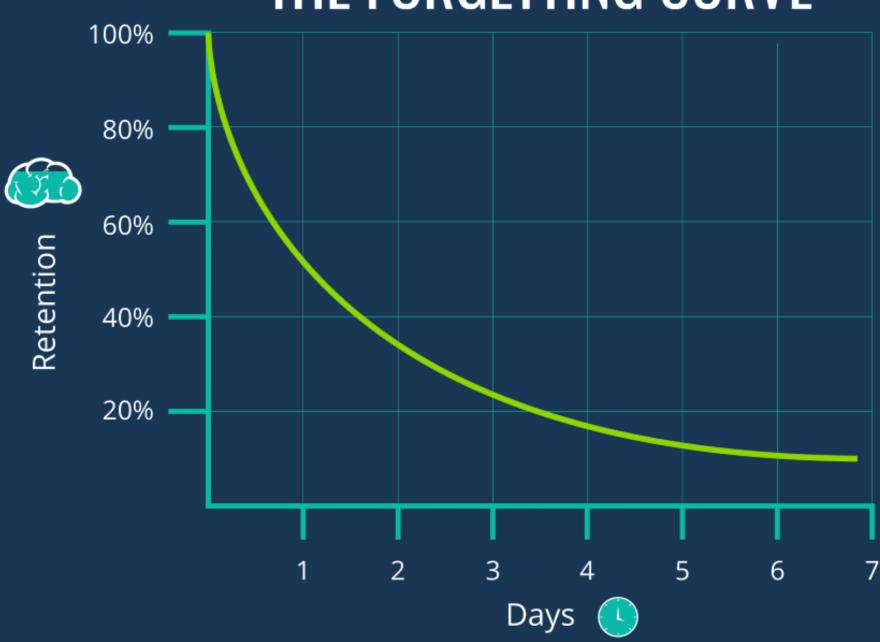
Independent learning is important because it helps you remember facts, figures and topics that you were taught some time ago.

If done correctly it will increase your learning.

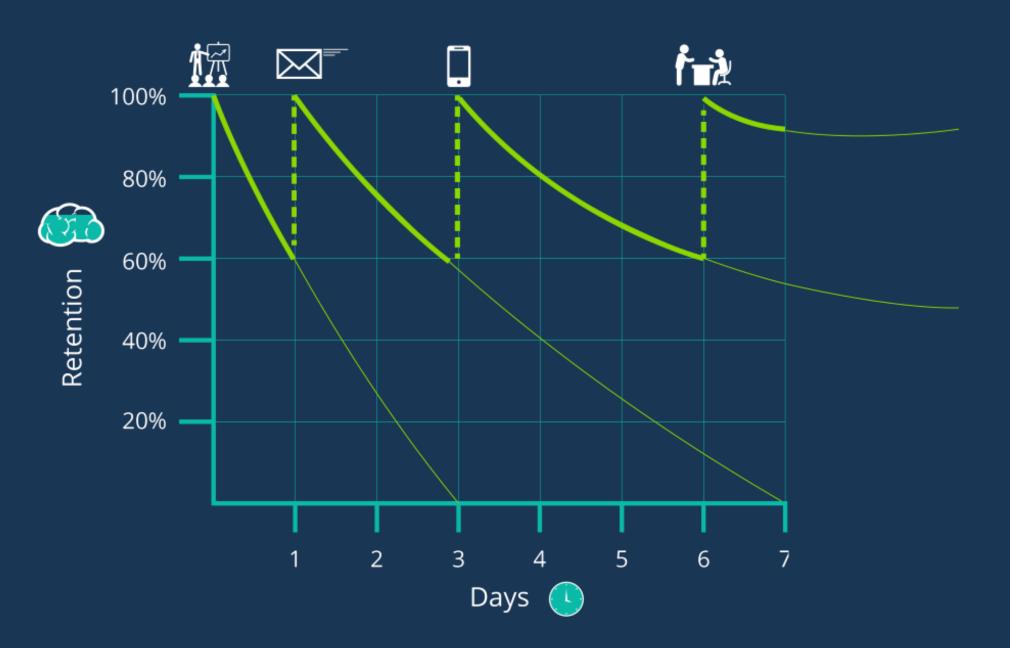




THE FORGETTING CURVE



COMBATING THE FORGETTING CURVE



Independent Learning Strategies















Knowledge Drop

Set yourself an amount of time to write down everything that you can remember about *insert topic*.

When you've done, check your book or knowledge organiser to see what key information you missed.



"Know more and remember more"



Flashcards

On one side of a flash card, write a **question** about *insert topic*. On the other side, write down the correct **answer**.

Ask a parent, carer or friend to test you. You could also test yourself! If you answer correctly, place the flash card in one pile. If you answer incorrectly, place the flash card in another pile.

Re-test on the cards you didn't get right the first time, until you can answer all correctly.

How tall is Mount Everest? **FRONT** 8,848 metres above sea level

BACK

"Know more and remember more"



Read your information sheet about *insert* topic and highlight **key points** as you go.

When you've finished, condense the most important information into FIVE sentences.

Then, try to condense each sentence to simply a **key word.**

DETAILED PARAGRAPH FROM A TEXTBOOK:

The pressure cooker was invented in the seventeenth century by the physicist Denis Papin, and works by expelling air from the vessel, and trapping the steam produced from the boiling liquid inside. This raises the internal pressures and permits high cooking temperatures. This, together with high thermal heat transfer from the steam, cooks food far more quickly, often cooking in between half and a quarter the time for conventional boiling. After cooking, the steam pressure is lowered back to ambient atmospheric pressure, so that the vessel can be opened safely.



CONDENSED DOWN TO NOTE FORMAT:

INVENTED: 17TH CENTURY BY DENIS PAPIN.
COOKS FOOD 2-4 TIMES FASTER THAN CONVENTIONAL BOILING.

HOW IT WORKS

- AIR IS EXPELLED AND STEAM FROM THE BOILING LIQUID IS TRAPPED INSIDE
- INCREASED PRESSURE CAUSED BY TRAPPED STEAM ALLOWS FOR A HIGH COOKING TEMPERATURE.
- CTEAM CAUSES HIGH THERMAL HEAT TRANSFER.

REMEMBER: THE PRESSURE NEEDS TO BE LOWERED TO OPEN THE COOKER SAFELY.





Talk till you Stop

Aim to talk about *insert topic* for **1 minute without stopping**. You could do this with a parent, carer or friend.

Try not to repeat yourself, or pause for too long.

If you stop before the minute, read over notes to remind you of where you left off.

When you can talk for a full minute on the topic, **increase** to 2 minutes!



"Know more and remember more"



Mnemonics

A mnemonic is a **trigger of letters**, **images or rhyme** that helps to remember something.

Think of the topic *insert topic*, and some of the **most important information** within it.

Mnemonic			
Please P - Parenthesis			
Excuse	Ε	- Exponent	
My	M	- Multiplication	
Dear	D	- Division	
Aunt	A	- Addition	
Sally	S	- Subtraction	

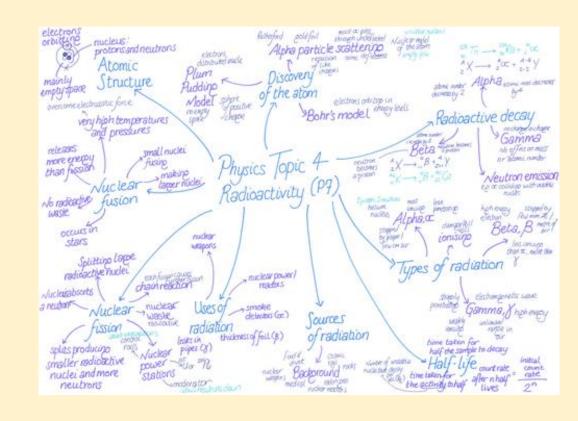
Take the first letters of key words, and **make up a phrase** to help you remember them.

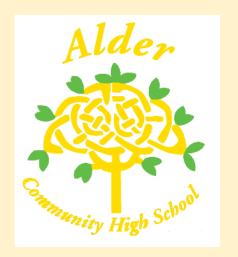


Mind Map

Create a mind map about *insert* topic without referring to your notes. Grow your mind map to show how ideas are connected.

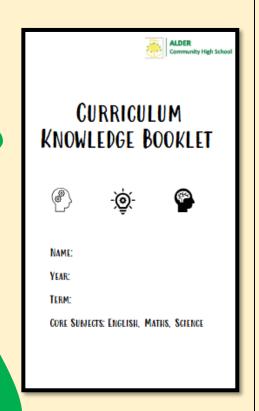
Use colours and images to make more memorable.





Knowledge Organisers

Curriculum Knowledge Booklets: Important Information



What's Happening?

In form time, students will receive a Knowledge Organiser booklet.

This booklet contains key information for all their subjects. This is part of their daily equipment and must be brought to school every day.

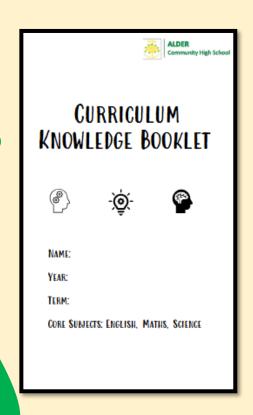
What is a Knowledge Organiser?

Knowledge organisers are a summary of the key knowledge and skills that students need for a curriculum subject. They are overview sheets with information broken down into bite size chunks so they can revise and use them for their ILS and revision.

Why Do they Need It?

- Helps revise, recall and remember important facts and concepts.
 - Supports with independent learning, quizzes, and lessons.
 - Makes it easier to prepare for assessments.

Curriculum Knowledge Booklets: Important Information



How can students use a Curriculum Knowledge booklet?

- There are many ways they can be used to help support learning:
- Independent Learning Strategies and ongoing revision

What Do students Need to Do?

- 1. Keep their booklet with them at all times bring it to every lesson.
 - 2. Use it as a tool to help with:
 - In-class activities
 - Independent learning tasks
 - On-going revision

INDEPENDENT LEARNING STRATEGIES



KNOWLEDGE DROP

Set yourself an **amount of time** to **write down everything** that you can remember about a topic.

When you've done, **check** your book or knowledge organiser to **see what key information you missed**.



FLASH CARDS

On one side of a flash card, write a question from the topic you wish to revise. On the other side, write down the correct answer.

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If given a detailed sheet of information, **highlight key points** as you go.

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MIND MAP

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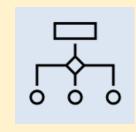
Knowledge Organisers (KO) A Parent Guide



Read through the KO with your child. Ask them to explain it to you.



Quiz them regularly on the spellings/ key knowledge.



Help them convert the information into a a mind map.



Make a blank KO and ask them to fill in gaps from memory.



Help them to: Read, Say, Cover, Write, Check.



Create Q&A flashcards for quizzing.



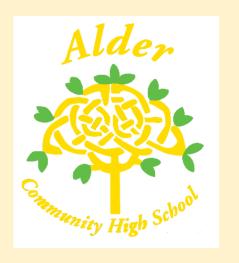
Read the KO with your child, ask them to use 'Talk till you stop' to test understanding and reveal knowledge gaps.



Ask them to create a glossary from memory recalling key vocabulary or concepts.







Supporting Core Subjects

English – Ms Darlington Maths – Mrs Maden Science - Miss Whitehead



Key to Success: English

Ms Darlington (JDA)

Assistant Curriculum Leader of English KS3 *Literacy Lead*

KS3 English- The Curriculum

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Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Conflict and Rebellion Safiyyah's War	Conflict and Rebellion Safiyyah's War	Crime and Punishment Oliver Twist	Crime and Punishment Oliver Twist	Heroes and Villains Macbeth	Heroes and Villains Macbeth

Year 8

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Morality and Responsibility A Christmas Carol	Morality and Responsibility A Christmas Carol	It's Grim Up North <i>Blood</i> <i>Brothers</i>	It's Grim Up North <i>Blood</i> <i>Brothers</i>	Political Protest <i>Animal Farm</i>	Political Protest Animal Farm

Year 9

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Power and Control <i>The Tempest</i>	Power and Control The Tempest	The Gothic	The Gothic	Modern Text	Modern Text

Autumn term assessments	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Reading	 Theme question Key piece: teacher marked and MAD time completed - does not inform report 	Character question Key piece: teacher marked and MAD time completed - does not inform report	Character question Key piece: teacher marked and MAD time completed - does not inform report
	Character or theme • End of unit assessment: teacher marked and data used to inform report	 Character question End of unit assessment: teacher marked and data used to inform report 	Character or theme End of unit assessment: teacher marked and data used to inform report
Writing	 Letter writing Key piece: teacher marked and MAD time completed - does not inform report End of unit assessment: teacher marked and data used to inform report 	Narrative writing Key piece: teacher marked and MAD time completed - does not inform report	 Article writing Key piece: teacher marked and MAD time completed - does not inform report End of unit assessment: teacher marked and data used to inform report

"How does Shakespeare present Prospero in this extract?"

Knowledge	Have you achieved this?
I can write using Point, Evidence, Explain, Context, Language, Writer	
To know how to embed a quotation	
To know how to use analytical verbs to explore author intentions	
To know how to use conjunctions when justifying my analysis or viewpoint.	
To know how to use modal verbs to explore a range of interpretations	

Analytical verbs	Conjunctions	Modal verbs
Criticises, highlights, reveals	Because, so, as	Could, may, might

Support structures

- Classroom support
- Teacher support brunch and lunch time
- Knowledge Organisers and independent learning strategies
- Sparx Reader Independent Learning set each Tuesday
- Independent learning support every Thursday after school, F6

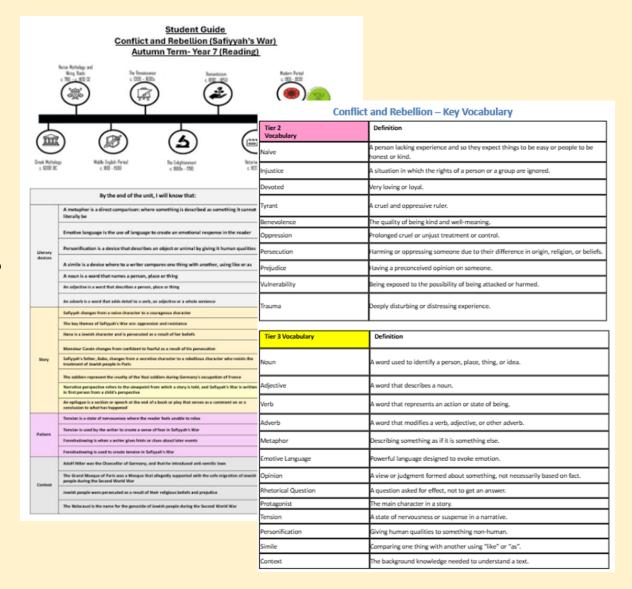
How can you help?

- Encourage regular reading at home (fiction and non-fiction) using Sparx Reader
- Talk about texts at home, ask your child to explain plot, theme and characters
- Help with independent learning- flashcards, mind maps, quotation practice, paragraph writing practice
- Proof-reading or discussing written work
- Monitor deadlines for independent learning or revision timetables
- Promote the use of online revision tools or revision guides

Key Documents

Alder

- Student guide
- Key vocabulary definitions
- Knowledge organisers



English – Morality and Responsibility
A Christmas Carol

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A C	hristmas Carol	Dehumanising	To treat someone unfairly; to treat them as though they are not a human being.	F
Character	Summary	Redemption	To be saved or improved by someone or	'
Ebeneezer Scrooge	The protagonist. A cruel, selfish man at the		something.	Γ
	beginning of the novel.	Misanthrope	A person who dislikes humankind and	L
Bob Cratchit	Clerk to Ebeneezer Scrooge.		avoids human society	╟
Tim Cratchit (Tiny	Bob Cratchit's disabled son.	Inferior	Lower in rank or status	L
Tim)		Callous	Showing or having an insensitive or cruel disregard for others	
Fred	Scrooge's nephew.		-	Γ
Jacob Marley	Scrooge's business partner.	Benevolent	Well-meaning; kind	╟
Belle	Scrooge's former fiancée. She ends their relationship due to Scrooge's greed.	Obstinate	Stubbornly refusing to change one's opinion	L
Mr Fezziwig	Scrooge's generous former employer.	Penitent	Feeling or showing regret for having done wrong	L
Ebeneezer Scrooge	The protagonist. A cruel, selfish man at the beginning of the novel.	Miser	A person who spends as little money as possible	L
Bob Cratchit	Clerk to Ebeneezer Scrooge.	Responsibility	Having a duty to deal with or take care	L
Tim Cratchit (Tiny Tim)	Bob Cratchit's disabled son.	. ,	of something; accepting blame or accountability for something	
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Key vocabulary

	Subject terminology	Definition
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	Allegoly	A story, poem or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden
		meaning- usually a political or moral one.
	Metaphor	A direct comparison: to describe something as if it is something else.
	Simile	To compare one thing with another, using like or as.
	Light imagery	Describing light or darkness in detail to create a specific mood.
	Symbolism	The use of a sign/image/object to represent an idea
-	Motif	A recurring subject, image, theme or idea within a text
	Foil character	a character who contrasts another character (usually the main character), to reveal something about them
	Irony	when something happens that is the opposite of what is said or expected
	Tension	A state of nervousness, where a reader feels unable to relax.
	Satire	Literature intended to ridicule the powerful

Two contrasting ideas placed together for contrasting effect.

Contextual factors

Juxtaposition

Definition

	Malthus, poverty was therefore an unavoidable result of overpopulation. Dickens disagreed with Malthus, and argued that it is wrong that the poor should suffer simply because the rich were too selfish to share their wealth.
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The Poor Laws / Some people saw the poor as lazy – they believed charities helping the poor just encouraged them to do nothing. Some people complained that money shouldn't be raised for the poor because they were lazy and didn't want to work. In 1834, a new law (The Poor Poverty Law) was introduced to reduce the financial help available to the poor – it was designed to reduce the cost of looking after the poor, take beggars off the streets, and encourage poor people to work harder to support themselves.

The Industrial From 1780, factory owners in Britain began to use coal-fired steam engines to power the machines in big factories. Before this, Britain used to be much more rural – farming was the most obvious way of making a living. This period – where many people in Britain Revolution went from working in farming to working in manufacturing – was known as the Industrial Revolution. The Industrial Revolution made many businessmen and factory owners extremely rich. It also created huge numbers of new jobs in the cities, which quickly

became overcrowded. However, the people who worked in factories often lived in extreme poverty.

Class The gap between the rich and poor was huge. Society was divided into Upper Class, Middle Class and the Working (or Lower) Class. The Upper Class consisted of the wealthiest individuals. They were in a powerful position in society and had far better living conditions than the other classes. Rich families also got the best education. The Middle Class was next in social ranking. Many of them owned businesses and the Industrial Revolution of the time opened up more opportunities for them so that they could earn a better living. The lowest in society were the working class. Many people in this class were vulnerable and could be exploited by the rich. For some families, the living conditions were so poor that they needed their children to work in order to get extra money to survive. It was very difficult – impossible even – for working class people to improve their social class.

Gothic literature is a genre that often has elements of mystery, horror and the supernatural. Conventions of the gothic often include: dark, abandoned settings, supernatural elements, emotional distress (intense emotions such as fear, horror and despair) and The Gothic Genre mystery and suspense. A Christgmas Carol is a novella that blends many genres including elements of Gothic literature, ghost stories, and Christmas tales.



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Character	Summary	Events			
Ebeneezer Scrooge	The protagonist.	Scrooge is visited by 3 spirits who teach him important lessons about his life.			
Bob Cratchit	Clerk (employee) to Ebeneezer Scrooge.	 Bob Cratchit is Scrooge's poorly paid clerk who, at the beginning, works long hours in a cold office – he is kind, cheerful and devoted to his family despite this. 			
Fred	Scrooge's nephew; his mother, Scrooge's sister Fan, died.	 Fred invites Scrooge to Christmas dinner, showing his kindness and his role as a foil character; Scrooge refuses rudely. The Ghost of Christmas Present shows Scrooge Fred's lively Christmas party, where Fred speaks kindly about his uncle despite Scrooge's rejection. 			
Jacob Marley	Scrooge's business partner; he dies 7 years before Scrooge is visited.	Marley warns Scrooge if he does not change, he will be doomed to wander the earth in chains which represent his sins.			
Ghost of Christmas Past	The first ghost that visits Scrooge, showing him his past.	Takes Scrooge to his childhood; shows Scrooge as a lonely, isolated boy.			
Ghost of Christmas Present	The second ghost that visits Scrooge, showing him the present day.	Displays Christmas joy everywhere – shows Scrooge people celebrating Christmas teaching him generosity and community.			
Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come (future)	The third ghost that visits Scrooge, showing him the future he has created if he does not change.	 Reveals that Tiny Tim will die if Scrooge does not change. Shows Scrooge's death – reveals Scrooge's lonely death, where people mock him and steal his possessions, symbolising the emptiness of life without compassion. Shows Scrooge's gravestone – forcing Scrooge to confront his death and pushes him towards his transformation. 			
Belle	Scrooge's former fiancée (engaged to be married).	Belle ends the relationship with Scrooge when she realises Scrooge has become consumed by greed and ambition, telling him he loves money more than her: 'another idol has displaced mea golden one'.			
Tim Cratchit (Tiny Tim)	Bob Cratchit's disabled son.	The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows that Tiny Tim will die if Scrooge does not change.			

Key vocabulary Key definitions can be found in your exercise book at the front of your book.			
Tier 2	Tier 3		
Dehumanising, redemption, misanthrope, inferior, callous, benevolent, obstinate, penitent, miser, responsibility	Allegory, metaphor, simile, light imagery, symbolism, motif, foil character, irony, tension, satire, juxtaposition		

	Contextual factors	Links to the text			
Thomas Malthus and The Poor Laws	For Malthus, poverty was an unavoidable result of overpopulation. Dickens disagreed with Malthus, and argued that it is wrong that the poor should suffer simply because the rich were too selfish to share their wealth. Some people complained that money shouldn't be raised for the poor because they were lazy and didn't want to work.	Scrooge, like Malthus, at the beginning of the novel believes that the poor should suffer. He refuses to help the poor when charity workers ask for a donation.			
The Industrial Revolution	This period – where many people in Britain went from working in farming to working in manufacturing – was known as the Industrial Revolution. The Industrial Revolution made many businessmen and factory owners extremely rich. It also created huge numbers of new jobs in the cities, which quickly became overcrowded.	Scrooge exploits the poverty of the working class as a result of the Industrial Revolution e.g., his treatment of Bob Cratchit.			
Class	•People were split into three main groups: the Upper Class (very rich and powerful), the Middle Class (business owners and professionals), and the Working Class (poor and often treated unfairly). •Rich people had the best homes, schools, and lives, while poor families sometimes had to send their children to work just to survive.	 Scrooge represents the wealthy upper class who exploit those below him; he disregards the struggles of the poor. The Cratchits represent the working class: poor and hardworking but morally upright. 			

	Motif	Symbolism	Exan	nple:
	Light - C	Light symbolises knowledge or truth and redemption.	Beginning: 'Darkness is cheap, and Scrooge liked it.'	End: 'he was glowing with his good intentions.'
	Weather	The weather symbolises mentality (state of mind/mood) throughout the novella.	Beginning: 'cold, bleak, biting weather'	End: 'no fog, no mist: clear, bright, jovial'
	Fire	Fire symbolises family throughout the novella.	Beginning: 'a lonely boy was reading by a feeble fire'	End: 'Bob. Make up the fires, and buy another coal-scuttle before you dot another i, Bob Cratchit!'



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Guide for Quote Explosions and PEELW paragraphs

- In this unit of work, we will be practising two key skills:
 - Quote explosions
 - PEELW paragraphs

You should use this page in the knowledge organiser to practice these 2 key skills.

Top tip! Use the tier 2 vocabulary list to improve your vocabulary.

Step 1:

What does your quotation reveal/highlight/illustrate? This ...



Step 3:

Overall, how does this link back to the question?

Overall, this shows that...

Step 2:

What device or word type has been used in your quotation? What is the effect?

The use of...is effective because... The use of... has connotations of...

Step 4:

Overall, what is the writer trying to highlight/criticise/illustrate/reveal? The writer may have...

2. PEELW paragraph guide

- Once you have completed your quote explosion, you should use your ideas to write up your paragraph. All of your ideas count so make sure you include them!
- Use the success criteria to support you with reminders of what to include in your paragraph.

Point	Open the paragraph by responding to the question and introduce an idea	Dickens presentsas		
Evidence	Introduce and embed a relevant quotation When Scrooge is described as""			
Explain	Comment on the quotation, linking to character/plot/theme	to This reveals/highlights/illustrates		
Language Identify literary device and comment on its use, using academic verbs		The use of has connotations of Overall, this is effective because		
Writer	Comment on the message of the writer, using academic verbs (you should use the context to help you)	Dickens may be trying to highlight/criticise/illustrate/reveal		

Practice questions

Now, use these practice questions to improve your key skills.

Step 1: Read the question, highlighting key words

Step 2: Explode the quotation, linking to the question

Step 3: Complete a PEELW paragraph, responding to the question.

Question: How does Dickens present Scrooge as a changed man by the end of the novella?

Quotation: 'I am light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy'

At this point, Scrooge wakes after his visits from the three spirits. He has changed and now sees the joy in Christmas.

Question: How does Dickens present Scrooge at the beginning of the novella?

Quotation: 'no warmth could warm him, no wintry weather chill him.' This is a quotation from the beginning of the novel, before Scrooge is visited by

Why is this important? For this unit of work, we will be assessing this core knowledge:

To know how to write a paragraph using the Point, Evidence, Explain, Language, Writer

To know how to use conjunctions when justifying my analysis or viewpoint

To know how to use analytical verbs to show author intentions

Marley's Ghost and the three spirits.

To know how to use tier 2 vocabulary to develop my response

Analytical verbs	Conjunctions		
Highlights, illustrates, criticises, reveals	Because, so, as		

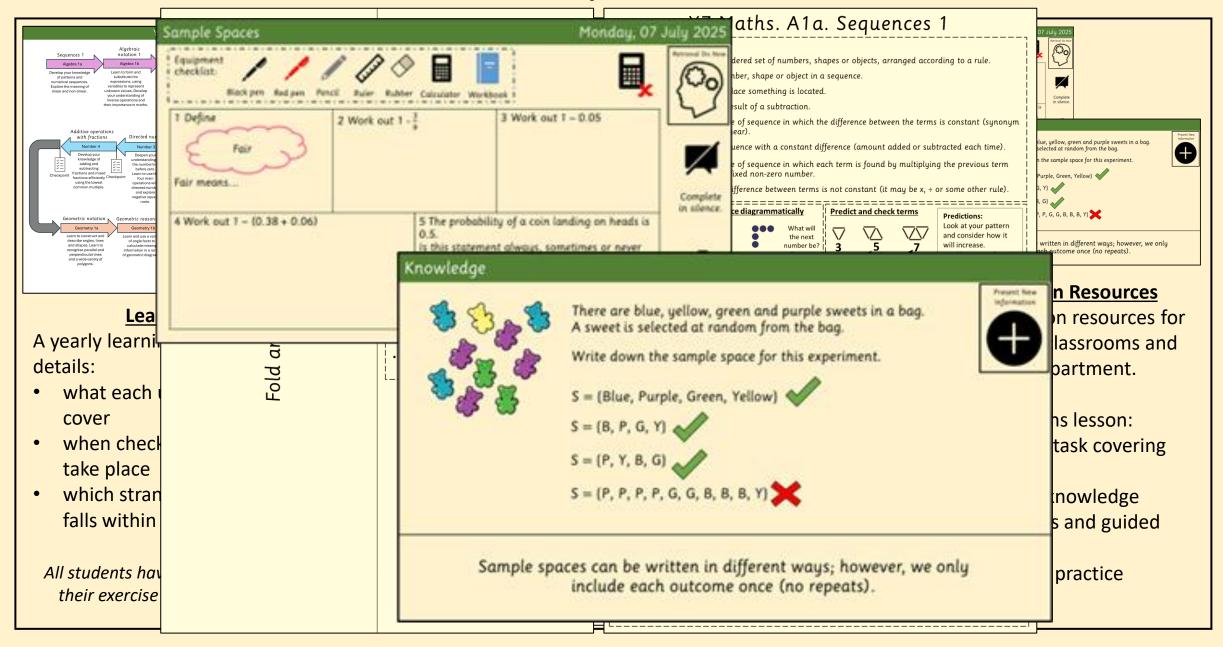


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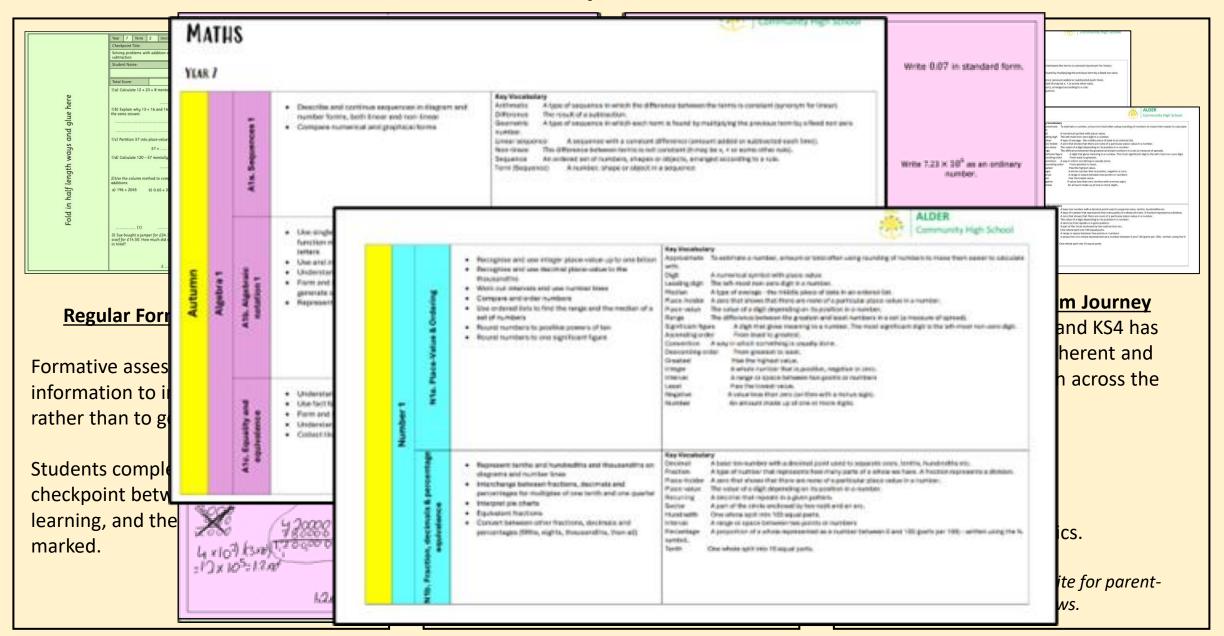
Mrs M Maden (was Miss M Reeve)

Associate Assistant Headteacher (Maths)

Maths at Alder: What KS3 students can expect from us



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Maths at Alder: What we expect from KS3 students

Expectations

The basics

- One voice at a time
- Hands up and wait
- Full equipment



How can I show the ALDER values in maths lessons?

A – listening respectfully and allowing others to learn.

L — sharing ideas in discussions and supporting others to share theirs.

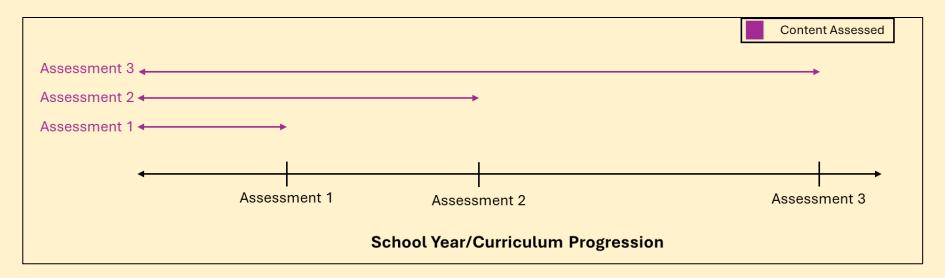
D – respecting different opinions and ideas.

E – attempting all tasks to the best of your ability.

R — implementing feedback from the teacher and staying positive when something is challenging.

Summative Assessment

Summative assessment gathers information to be able to report what proportion of the curriculum each student knows at three given points across the school year.



Summative Assessment Dates:

	Y7	Y8	Y9
Assessment 1	w/c 3 rd Nov	w/c 3 rd Nov	w/c 10 th Nov
Assessment 2	w/c 26 th Jan	w/c 2 nd Feb	w/c 9 th Feb
Assessment 3	w/c 15 th Jun	w/c 15 th Jun	w/c 15 th Jun

Independent Learning

Sparx Maths

- 30-minute weekly task
- Set Wednesday and due the following Wednesday at 9am
- Levels to the student
- Automatically interleaves topics a student has previously struggled with
- XP Boost task for additional practice
- 'Independent Learning' section for task-specific practice
- Guidance videos and instant feedback
- Support session Monday 2.50-3.30pm in F6

<u>Other</u>

- Flashcards note down basic facts (times tables, square numbers, prime numbers, cube numbers, ...)
 and practice recall at home
- Pre-Learning look out for announcements on ClassCharts where your teacher has suggested doing some revision of a specific skill prior to a lesson
- Lesson follow up spend an extra 15-20 mins in the evening completing further practice on the task from the lesson

Parental Support

 Make a plan so that revision/independent learning is a routine, including blocking out time for sports and other important extra-curricular commitments

 Test students on their flashcards – provide the prompt from one side and check their answer on the other

 Have positive conversations around maths at home, avoid expressing negative views around children

Interestingly, survey results show that when parents admitted to expressing negative views about maths, their child's average confidence score drops to 6.8. On the other hand, positive reinforcement raises the child's confidence to 7.7.

National Numeracy: Parents pass fear of maths on to their children, new Mumsnet research suggests (2024)

https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/news/parents-pass-fear-maths-their-children-new-mumsnet-research-suggests

Science support at Key Stage 3

Miss Whitehead
Associate Assistant Headteacher (Science)



Our curriculum

Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Cells and the cell cycle	Particle model	Electricity
Enzymes	Atoms, Elements,	Opposites attract
The genome	Compounds, Mixtures	Energy
Transport and exchange	General Equations	Motion
surfaces	Atomic Structure	Forces
Natural Selection	Periodic Table	The model of the atom
Disease and immunity	Energy in chemical reactions	Particle model
Respiration	Opposites attract	Light
Photosynthesis	Mass and Moles	Sound
Homeostasis	Collision Theory	
Ecology		

"Science isn't just one subject, it's three, how can I revise all that?"

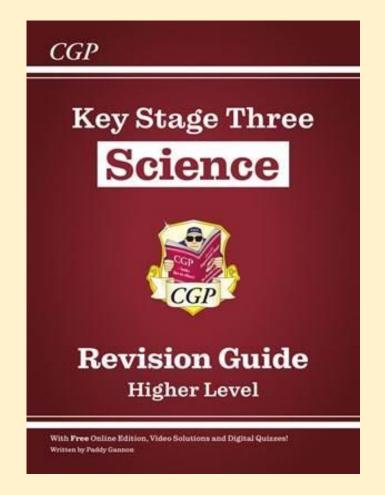
What is the key to being successful if there is so much to remember?

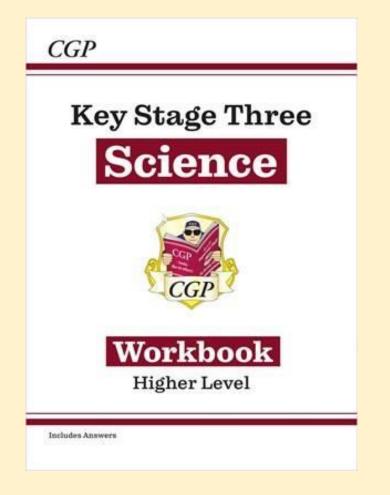


SELF TESTING

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Be prepared





Use appropriate techniques

1. Educake

2. Knowledge organisers

3. Revision guides and workbooks



Independent learning will be set every Monday.

It is due every Sunday (by midnight).

1 quiz per week

Study and Quiz Yourself

GCSE Science - AQA

GCSE Science - Edexcel

Biology

Chemistry

KS3

GCSE

54%

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Revision wizard >

Your Upcoming Quizzes

Educake

Subject	Quiz name
Geography	Weather and climate (16
Computer Science	Ethical issues (15 Qs)
English	Themes: Science & Curio

Educake also has a smart assistant feature (revision wizard) where it identifies your strengths and weaknesses and sets tests for you to try!

These are optional but a great revision tool to use!

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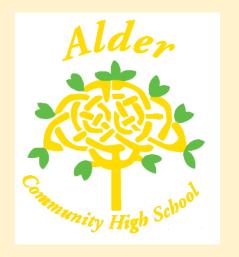
TO ALL BE OUTSTANDING IN ALL WE DO #WeAreALDER

Knowledge organisers

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CB1 Revision Worksheet	Match up the following organelles to their		L	Label the bacteria cell:			
Define the following words:	functions: Controls what happens in the						
Magnification	Nucleus	cell and carries genetic information.			0		
Resolution	Cytoplasm	Controls what gets in and out of the cell.		- (nlg .	\	
Using the formula triangle- the size of an organism is 0.003mm and the size of the	Cell Membrane	Jelly like substance where chemical reactions happen.	9	State the function of the following components: Chromosomal DNA-			
image is 4.2mm. What magnification was used?	Ribosome	Where respiration occurs to make energy.	P	Plasmid DNA-			
Image	Mitochondria	Where new proteins are made.	F	Flagella			
Actual Mag.	Vacuole	Where the cell makes food through photosynthesis.	11.	Tick or cross which features are found in which			in which
Complete the following: Total magnification=x	Chloroplast	Where cell sap is stored	†	types of cell: Feature	Animal Cell	Plant Cell	Bacterial
Eyepiece Objective Overall Magnification Magnification Magnification	Cell Wall	Gives the cell structure and support.		Cell Membrane			Cell
X10 X4		Draw a specialised cell found in the		Nucleus			
x15 x400	reproductive or digestive system.			Plasmids			
				Chloroplasts			
Describe three differences between a light				Cell Wall			
microscope and an electron microscope:				Cytoplasm			
			1	Define the fol	lowing words	:	
	Function: Adaptations:			Eukaryotic			
Label all the organelles in the animal and plant of	ells below:			Prokaryotic			
				Explain what a	in enzyme is o	and what the	y do:

Make flashcards and mind maps from your knowledge organisers.

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Thank You

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