



QUEEN ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL

Assessment & Learning Guide

What your child will learn and be assessed on throughout the year, organised by half term

Y8
KEY STAGE 3

SUBJECT	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
 English	Natural World - Poetry	Natural World - Poetry	Of Mice and Men	Of Mice and Men	Adventure stories	Sci-Fi stories
 Maths	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work	Key Piece of Work
 Science	• Health and Lifestyle • The Periodic Table	• Biological processes • Separation Techniques	• Ecosystems and adaptation • Inheritance	• Energy • Metals and other materials	The Earth	End of Year Assessment
 History	Catholic Church: Henry VIII's Break from Rome	English Civil War: Outbreak of War	Changing Ideas: Parliamentary Control	The Slave Trade: Middle Passage & Abolition	British Empire: Benefits to Britain	Industrial Revolution: Working-Class Life
 Geography	Economic Sectors – 'Production Chain'	Work, Rest & Play in the UK	Challenges & Opportunities in the UK	Earthquake-Resistant Building Design	Our Physical World	Our Living World
 RE	Sikhism: Beliefs	Sikhism: Guru Nanak & Identity	Inspirational People	Who Am I? Identity	Buddhism: Beliefs	Buddhism: Practices

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

Talk about their learning

Ask them to explain one thing they've learned this half term in their own words — it's the best test of real understanding.

Check ClassCharts

Look out for key pieces of work and end-of-unit assessment dates together each week.

Build a homework routine

A quiet, regular time and place for homework and independent reading makes a real difference.

Praise effort, not just marks

Resilience and organisation matter most at this stage — celebrate progress and having a go.