

KS3 Information Evening: FAQs

- ***What equipment does my child need for school?***

Our students need to have pens (black or blue), a pencil, ruler, rubber, red pen, maths set (which includes a protractor and pair of compasses) and a scientific calculator. In addition, they will need to bring a reading book each day, their lanyard and fob and a face mask.

- ***Where will work be set on Google Classroom?***

All home learning will be set on Google Classroom. Each class that your child is in will have its own Google Classroom page. The home learning will be set as an assignment, which will appear in the calendar on Google Classroom. In addition, teachers may post on the stream in the classroom page; this will be points of interest or power points from the lesson in case any student needs to look back over it.

- ***Where can my child get welfare support in school?***

Mrs Riley is the Welfare Lead for KS3 and is based in 28a. If a student would like welfare support they should come to the office before school, at break or at lunch time to book an appointment with Mrs Riley. Students can also speak to Miss Keaveney, their form tutor or any other member of staff in school. If you are concerned about your child, please email Miss Keaveney or Mrs Riley directly.

- ***How will my child pick their GCSE Options?***

The Year 9 students will begin the GCSE Options process in March. Subjects that are compulsory at GCSE are; English Language, English Literature, Maths and Religious Studies. They will have the option to choose between Double or Triple Science, as well as Humanities, Modern Foreign Languages and Creative and Digital Technologies.

- ***Are the classes taught in sets?***

The students are taught in sets for Maths. Students are taught in ability bands for Science and PE. All other subjects are taught in mixed ability groups.

- ***What extra – curricular clubs are on offer?***

All the information about clubs can be found on the student bulletin which is read out to students during registration each day. The school twitter pages also highlight extra curricular opportunities for our students, as well as the school website.

- ***How do I know about my child's progress?***

There are three reporting intervals throughout the academic year. The first of these is in December for KS3, when you will receive a report on your child's progress and effort grades.

- ***How do I best support my child with their learning at home?***

A guide to support your child with their learning can be found on our website in the 'Parents' section.

- ***How should my child be revising?***

We are really keen to embed and consolidate revision skills into our students from KS3. They will all be given advice on how to revise in lessons from their class teachers, as well as dedicated form time activities to help develop their revision skills. Before the Year 8 and 9 exams, students will be

provided with a revision skills PowerPoint and sessions to coach them on how best to revise for exams. The Year pages on Google Classroom have information about revision, as well as more information about supporting positive mental health and wellbeing. The Year pages are regularly added to and should prove a useful resource for our students.