

# WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT OUR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Thank you very much for joining us! Tuesday 26th September 2023

# **CONTENT TO BE COVERED THIS EVENING**



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- Navigating the student timetable, planner and SMART card.
- Rewards and Reminders
- Our Taught Behaviour and Character curriculum
- Academic literacy and the value of reading
- Our curriculum learning journeys
- Effective communication
- The recording and setting of homework
- How we report to parents/carers and families
- The importance of attendance
- Blackwell adventure details



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This presentation will be shared on the TGAS website, so please don't feel like you must make notes!

# FIRST THING IS FIRST....





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# THANKEROU



Thank you for taking the opportunity to join us this evening.



Thank you for ensuring our Year 7 students are equipped and ready for learning.

Thank you for engaging in the curriculum your children are learning.

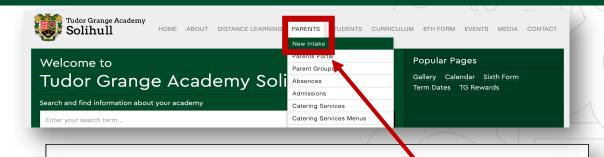


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# **EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW IN ONE PLACE...**



Please be directed to the 'Parents' tab on the TGAS website.



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Handbook



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### **Contents**

The aim of this guide is to provide you with key information about the Academy to support the learning of your child both in the classroom and at home. It is an important element of the partnership between home and the Academy, aimed at giving the best opportunities to all our students. Please take some time to read through the details carefully and discuss the content with your child.

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# Navigating the timetable, planner and SMART card



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Day / Period	1	2		3	4	5	6
Monday	computer science 500 052	English MIF WF2		Music CPH CZ	Maths SHD OS7	Geograph RNL OG3	y Home
Tuesday	French SDE OSQ	English MIP WF2		Geografic RNL OGO	Maths SHO 056	Science PSA WS8	Home
Wednesday	PE CRA Sports H	French SDE 037	Break	English Mif WF2	Maths CYO DFG	History ONA OG3	Home
Thursday	Drama CMR P9	Technolog Est P7	Y .	Science CRQ WG10	Enrichnei Fys NGIB	Maths SHO OFE	Home
Friday	Science LTD WF7	Art FNH P5		Enrichment FYS Mit15	PE CRA Sports H	French SDE OS8	Home
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WEEK A	Monday
8.35 – 9.00	Form Time
9.00 – 10.00	Lesson 1
10.00 – 10.20	Break Time
10.20 – 11.20	Lesson 2
11.20 – 12.20	Lesson 3
12.20 – 1.00	Lunch time
1.00 – 2.00	Lesson 4
2.00 – 3.00	Lesson 5

Please make a note of key days which require extra items to be brought from home: PE kit, cooking ingredients etc.

# Our Year 7 Curriculum Offer...





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### **Year 7 Curriculum Model**

Lessons per fortnight *	Year 7
7	English
7	Mathematics
6	Science
3	History
3	Geography
2	RE
4	PE
2	Healthy Living
2	Character and Citizenship
2	Art
2	Music
2	Technology
5	Language
2	Computing
1	Drama

- In Years 7 and 8, students follow a broad, ambitious and equitable curriculum, in line with the National Curriculum.
- Within this wide range of subjects, students learn the 'fundamentals' – the essential knowledge that students must master and commit to long term memory. These are the essential pieces of information we believe provide students with cultural capital.
- In Year 9, all students continue to study a broad range of subjects. The curriculum has been designed to enable all students to achieve the English Baccalaureate (EBacc).
- Options are taken at the end of Year 9, ready for Year 10 and 11 study.

# Things to look for in the student planner...

The student planner is a **key item of the TGAS student equipment**, please review this regularly with your child, looking for the following pages....

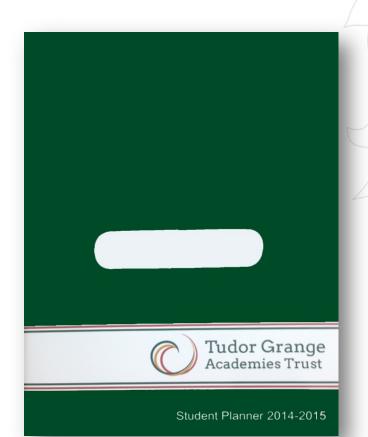




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- Regular checks of any homework recorded in weekly planner pages.
- Character and learning merits pages (Set some targets at home?)
- Penalties pages and penalty code pages (Written reminder of student expectations)
- Student timetable (special reference to key days including PE and Healthy Living)
- Student friendly versions of our behaviour policy including banned and prohibited items.
- Wellbeing Support Pages key signposts for websites and resources of interest.

# Merits and how they are earnt...





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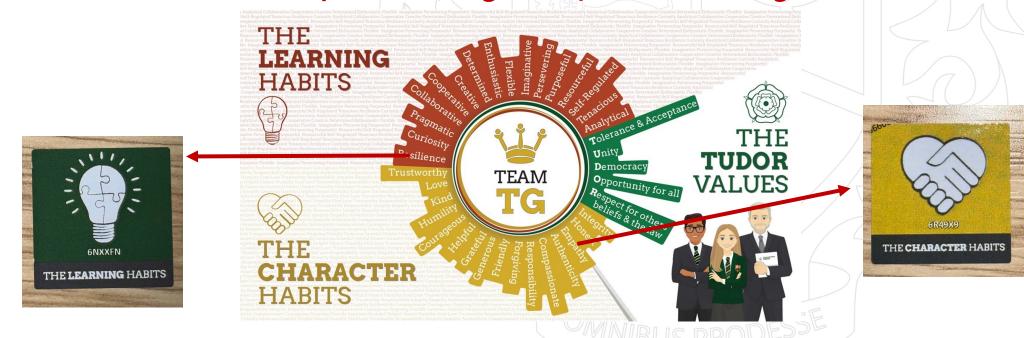
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Character and Learning Habit merits form the basis of praise and reward at TGAS.

This year, all students will start on 100 merits – consider this their starting balance.

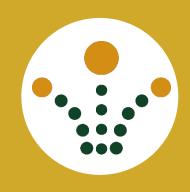
Any merits received will be added to this account.

All teachers will be issuing merit stickers over the course of this year – we will be keeping track of the merit totals. Teachers will be aiming to issue a minimum of three stickers per lesson, so get ready to start counting!



# What do my merits accumulate towards?





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HALF TERMLY – Students with the most merits at the end of each half term will be invited to a celebration event. Last year, this included stationary bags, pick n mix and inflatable assault courses! (The top ten students in each year group will be invited to each celebration) – This is reset every half term!

ANNUALLY – At the end of the academic year, students in Years 7-11 will have the opportunity to earn a priority invite to the praise and reward day! – This is for students who have accumulated the most merits over the year.

COLLEGE COMPETITION – Not only do merits accumulate towards a personal total, but they also contribute to college totals. The winning College at the end of the year will unlock a further ten invites for the top students from their winning college, ten per year group!



# **How do reminders work?**





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We use recorded reminders to uphold our standards and expectations within classrooms. Although, individually they do not hold a sanction, students should do their best to ensure they do not accumulate.

Three reminders in one subject, across a half term will result in a restorative detention with the specific class teacher.

A reminder is a way to meaningful way to inform students that their **conduct will not support their learning** or the learning of others around them. Staff use this strategy to help students make good choices around their behaviour.

All teachers will issue reminders in this way.

# The purpose of the TGAS Smart Card

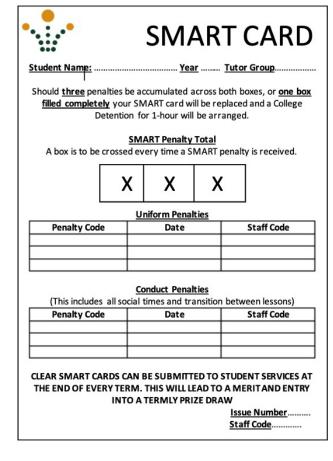


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The student SMART card is a way to ensure our students are accountable for not Tudor Grange Academy only their uniform around the school site, but also their conduct and behaviour in between lessons...



THREE CROSSES IN THE TOP BOX WILL **RESULT IN A COLLEGE DETENTION (1 HOUR)** 

STAFF WILL ISSUE A CODE IN THE BOXES **EXPLAINING THE REASON BEHIND THE** WRITTEN REMINDER.



### **SMART CARD**

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### **SMART UNIFORM CODES**

Uniform not meeting acceptable standard (untucked shirt, no tie, rolled skirt, trainers etc)	Α
Coat on inside the building after SMART uniform checkpoint has been passed.	В
Jewellery/Smart Watch	С
Make up/Nail Varnish	D

### SMART CONDUCT CODES\*

Not following school movement rules around the school site/Lack of urgency when walking to lessons	E
Being out of bounds or congregating in places not suitable for gatherings.	F
Inappropriate behaviour during break and lunch time.	G
Littering or a lack respect for the school site.	Н

<sup>\*</sup>Please be aware that serious incidents will warrant an escalated sanction and further investigation.

### When a SMART card is full:

-The member of staff to fill your SMART card will replace your smart card with a new one, recording their initials below.

-You will then be set a college detention for 1-hour. Notice of this college detention will be sent home to parents / carers.

Please ensure you are reviewing your child's SMART card regularly and discuss the importance of both the SMART uniform codes and SMART conduct codes.

# THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES, SMART WATCHES AND OTHER SMART ACCESSORIES IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN THE TGAS COMMUNITY.



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# MOBILE PHONES AND SMART WATCHES ARE BANNED ITEMS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 7-11

When? Students should not bring their phone/smart watch to school. These items should not be seen on or around the school site at any time. This includes lessons time, social time, transition times and around the school site.

What if? If a student is found/heard/seen/suspected of having their mobile phone, staff will ask a student to hand their phone in for confiscation.

Parents/Carers will be contacted for collection and a college detention will be arranged.

### THIS IS KEY FOR SAFETY FOR ALL!



# **Our Taught Behaviour Curriculum**

### SCHOOL SITE ROUTINES

### **CORRIDORS** & STAIRS

### Be Responsible

- Follow the one-way systems
- Respect others' space
- Avoid walking in large groups
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact
- Walk don't run
- Keep moving

### Be Considerate

- Keep belongings close
- Keep noise to a minimum Don't distract others in classrooms
- No eating in corridors
- Don't touch others' belongings

#### Be Kind

- Be polite to staff
- Follow instructions immediately
- Report any concerns immediately
- Be friendly and inclusive towards others

### RESTAURANT, CAFÉ & TOILETS

### Be Responsible

- Queue sensibly
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact
- Walk don't run
- Remain calm

- **Be Considerate** Keep noise to a minimum
- Leave the area as you would like to find
- Use the bins provided
- Avoid overcrowding tables
- Don't move tables
- Don't touch others' belongings

#### Be Kind

- Be polite to staff and dinner supervisors
- Follow instructions immediately
- · Report any concerns immediately
- Be friendly and inclusive towards others

### BREAKTIME

### Be Responsible

- · Stay in designated areas: Playground, toilets & eating areas only
- Stay out of all other corridors
- Only gather in small groups
- Don't throw f

### **AFTER SCHOOL**

### Be Responsible

- Use the pedestrian crossings
- Keep moving on the pavements
- Don't play around near the road
- Wear a bike helmet

# **CLASSROOM ROUTINES**

### **Be Consid**

- Keep noise to
- Ball games in
- Use the bins p
- Respect other

#### Use respectfu Don't touch o

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Follow instruc

Report any co

Be friendly an

## **ENTRY**

**LESSON** 

#### **Be Punctual** Be Kind

- Arrive in good time
- Use the guickest routes
- Follow the one-way system

### Be Friendly

- Be polite to others

Be Respectful

enter the classroom

Stay quiet for the register

Place your bag on the floor

Place your coat on your chair

Sit in your seating plan

Follow instructions

immediately

Remove your coat before you

### Greet your teacher

Be Organised Copy the date & title

Be Prepared

Get out your:

Planner

Pencil Case

Exercise book

Whiteboard and Pen

- Start the task provided
- Put your hand up to ask for

LESSON

**START** 

### Be Proud

- Complete your work to the highest standards
- Own your achievements
- Set out work clearly
- Glue in loose sheets

- **Be Curious** Ask questions
- Listen attentively
- Join in with discussions
- Own your learning
- Take the initiative
- Set yourself goals

#### Be Resilient

- Keep a proactive mindset
- Don't give up
- Maintain your enthusiasm
- Remain focussed on the task
- Don't be distracted or distract others

# LESSON

### **Be Considerate**

- Use your partner voice Put your hand-up
- Sit up & make eye contact
- Stay seated

**DURING** 

- Pass equipment; don't throw
- If you are late, do not disrupt the class

### Leave your area tidy

- Check your uniform
- Leave quietly & calmly

### Be Reflective

- Review your own work critically
- Seek feedback
- Check spellings and grammar
- Use red pen for self-marking Use your learning journey to make connections
- Learn from your mistakes
- Know your targets

LESSON

**END** 

### Be Respectful

- Only pack up when told Stand behind your chair

### Self - Regulate



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# Why is reading important?



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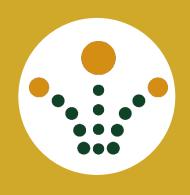
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# Reading leads to academic success

- Aids with cognitive development and impacts across the curriculum

   likely to do 'significantly better', with a 9.9% advantage in Maths
   by age 16 (IoE, London, 2013).
- Science achievement: Researchers found that the strongest factor affecting pupils' science scores is reading comprehension (EEF, September 2017).
- Reading improves teenagers' vocabulary by 26% regardless of background (Centre for Longitudinal Studies, November 2017).

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# Reading supports personal development

• Develops confidence and self-esteem – can be incredibly empowering for young people.

• Helps young people to deal with complex issues from the safe fictional environment of the book.

 Increases empathy and brings the Tudor Habits to life in an accessible way.





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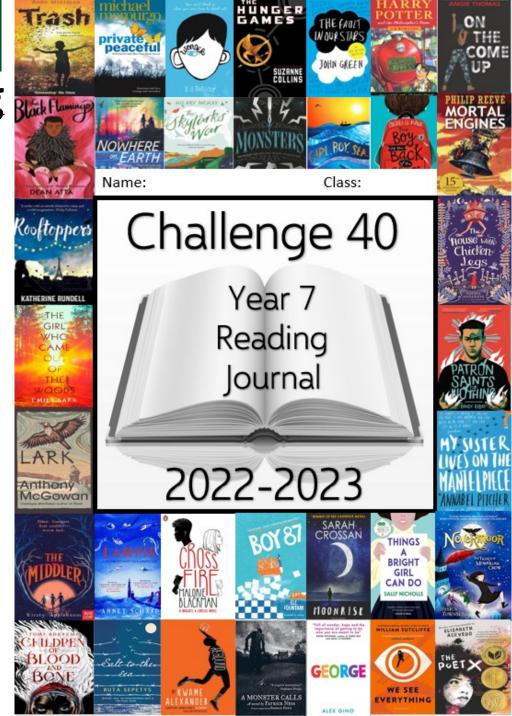
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# Why is reading important?

# How do we support reading in school?

- Tutor Time Reading Programme: Register, Read, Respond.
- Reading in subjects
- Intervention (in and out of class)
- TG Reading Challenge 40
  - Fortnightly reading lessons
  - Recommended read book lists

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
10 books	20 books	30 books	40 books	100 books
Certificate & Merit	Certificate & Praise	Certificate & Bookmark	Certificate & Invitation to	Certificate & Mystery
	Record		celebration	Prize







How can you help?

# READING

What can parents do?

- Encourage reading for pleasure
- Model reading at home
- Encourage use of the TGAS digital library
- Provide access to a range of reading material both fiction and non-fiction
- Talk about books
- Praise positive reading habits





# Login Details

Username:
Your child's
school email
address

Password: TGAS1

# **TGAS Digital Library**

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Access our eLibrary anywhere, anytime, on multiple devices.

**Start Browsing** 

or get the ePlatform app









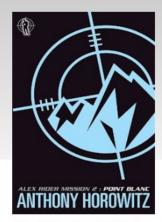
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### Popular Titles

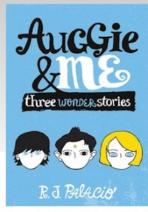




Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck 公公公公公



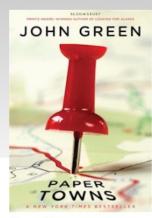
Alex Rider Book 2: Poin... by Anthony Horowitz 公公公公公



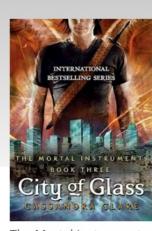
Auggie & Me: Three W... by R. J. Palacio 公公公公公



The Art of Being Normal by Lisa Williamson 公公公公公



Paper Towns by John Green 公公公公公



The Mortal Instrument... by Cassandra Clare ☆☆☆☆☆



# Our Curriculum Learning Journeys...



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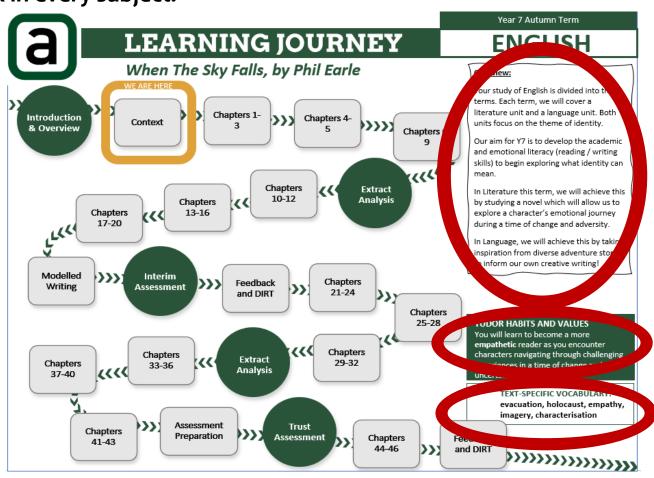
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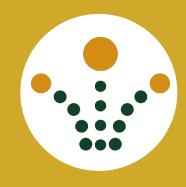
<u>Aim:</u> The aim of each curriculum learning journey is to allow students to see the content they will be covering over each specific half term. They are consistently demonstrated across all areas.

These are shortly all going to be uploaded on to the school website, **but can be found in the inside front cover of every exercise book in every subject.** 

### **Suggested support strategies:**

- Engage in discussion around upcoming topics/themes.
- Incorporate activities which involve contextual links.
- Provide experiences and/or opportunities for students to broaden their knowledge.
- Consider possible links between curriculum areas.





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# **KEY INFORMATION YEAR 7 ENGLISH:**

### Brief info on content/curriculum in term 1

Our aim for Y7 is to develop the **academic and emotional literacy** (reading / writing skills) to begin exploring what identity can mean.



 In Literature this term, we will achieve this by studying a nove The Sky Falls, by Phil Earle) which will allow us to explore a character's emotional journey during a time of change and ac

- In Language, we will achieve this by taking inspiration from diadventure stories to inform our own creative writing!
- Students will also participate in one reading lesson every for These are designed to give students the opportunity to read a of texts for pleasure and take part in a reading challenge.
- The reading challenge involves reading 40 books over the co the year from a variety of genres and time periods. More deta this can be found in your child's reading journal.

### **USEFUL LINKS:**

- TGAS Moodle Page for English QR included in student's planner
- BBC Bitesize
   https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zt3rkqt

# **KEY INFORMATION YEAR 7 MATHS**

### Brief info on content/curriculum in term 1:



Maths



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- Our aim for Y7 is to develop a deeper understanding of what underpins any standard mathematical procedures that your child may have been taught, and for them to become fluent with these approaches.
- Through studying Generalised Arithmetic this half term, we a advancement toward fluency by examining the structure of co calculations. This allows us to develop your child's mathematic USEFUL LINKS: curiosity as well as their confidence to question concepts and their flexibility of thought.
- Students have access to a homework club Tuesday to Friday t tutor time if they need support or a communal working oppor
- We also enter all year 7 students into the Junior Maths Challer everyone has the opportunity to challenge themselves outside classroom, and so that your child, regardless of their prior atta has the opportunity to aspire to more challenging areas of the

- •TGAS Moodle Page for Maths QR included in student's planner
- •Dr Frost Maths -

•Oak Academy (comprehensive lessons that run closely with our curriculum) -

# **KEY INFORMATION YEAR 7 MATHS**

Brief info on content/curriculum in term 1:

Year 7 Autumn Half Term 1

Multiplicative

Structure

Models of

multiplication

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Numbers

with

Negatives

Dividing

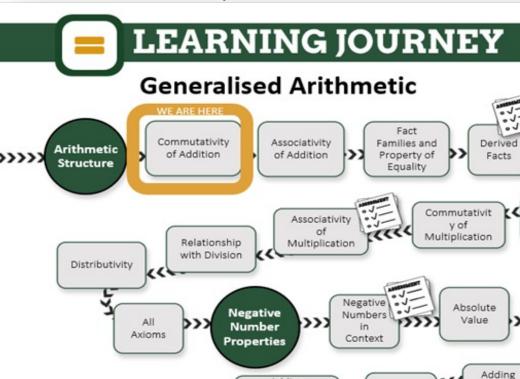
Negatives

# **MATHS**

Mathematicians have underlying rules and principles that guide us through all levels of work. In this half term you will be unpicking the concepts that make everything you've learnt so far possible, and you will begin to understand the structure of what is happening when you complete common numerical processes.

Maths

The knowledge you are learning this half term is essential for understanding how we can manipulate complex calculations to make them easier and more efficient, and how core concepts are



all linked.

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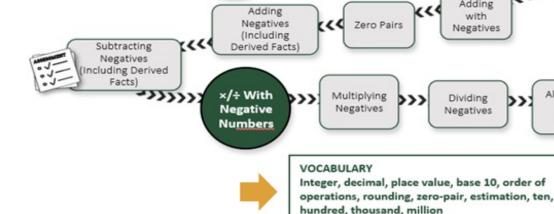
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## TUDOR HABITS AND VALUES

You will continue to work on building your toolbox of mathematical thinking skills to support your metacognition and self-regulation



## **KEY INFORMATION YEAR 7 RSHE:**



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# What is RSHE?

As a subject, RSHE aims to provide children with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves happy, healthy and safe, as well as to prepare them for life and work. RSHE aims to give children the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy and independent lives.

Navigating our complex world can be challenging, and parents and teachers play an essential role in preparing children for the future. As such, RSHE aims to equip pupils to:

- Take individual responsibility for their physical and mental wellbeing;
- understand the risks of drugs and alcohol and how to stay safe online;
- develop resilience, independence and responsibility;
- develop the personal and social skills required to succeed in commerce and industry;
- identify misleading information and be critical of misleading news or views they might encounter.
- Know where to access support.



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# How is RSHE taught at TGAS?

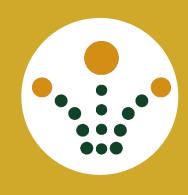
RSHE is delivered once a week in an extended tutor time slot (8:35-9:10)

These will be delivered

- By a teacher who will be their timetabled teacher for the subject to help build a relationship and ensure students are comfortable in the class
- With a mixed group of peers to allow for a diversity of views and experiences to enrich the discussions
- Using well planned resources that help to develop their own understanding, morality and self-esteem
- With a focus on ensuring that students are well equipped to deal with the issues that they may face now and in the future



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# What do we teach in year 7?

RSHE is split into key themes in each year group.

Year 7s will cover:

- Relationships: How to develop and cultivate healthy relationships with peers and family
- Safety: Online safety, knife crime, road safety, first aid
- Health and Wellbeing: puberty, emotional and physical changes, sleep, body image, anxiety
- Careers: Goals and aspirations and behaviour in the workplace



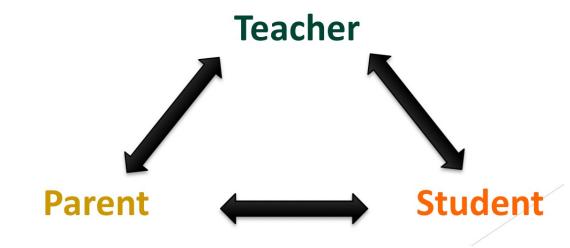
## **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.**



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Attainment is maximised when these three work in collaboration.

- <u>Tutor correspondence</u> Your child's tutor is considered the first port of call for any pastoral or academic queries, questions or concerns. Should your child's tutor be unable to support, they will liaise with their College Team.
- Regular Learning Habits feedback- Learning habits data is shared with parent half termly.
- <u>Two Trust assessment points</u> Trust assessment 1 = November. Trust assessment 2 = April.
- <u>Subject parents evenings (virtual)</u> 7T BAND = Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7G BAND = Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May
- Regular communication from Mrs Smith and the Leadership Team.

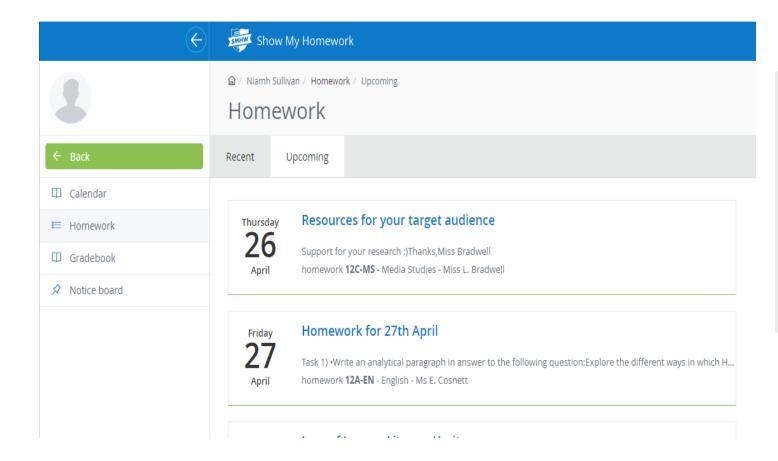
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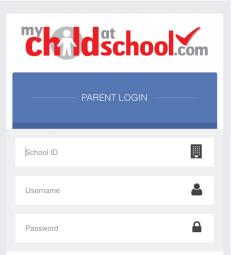


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# <u>Year 7 Transition Trip – Blackwell Adventure</u>

- Thank you to those who have already signed up for Blackwell Adventure.
- The deadline for returning consent form and full payment is <u>TOMORROW!</u>
- Consent forms collected at student services, payment on Parent Pay.



Tuesday 17th October = Day A – T Band (Turing, Hawking and Austen)
Wednesday 18th October = Day B – G Band (Duleep, Ownes and Mirzakhani)

- Students to attend school at their usual time, but meet in Oak Hall ready for departure at 8.45am.
- Students to arrive in their own, warm clothes, suitable for getting muddy!
- Students will return in time to get their usual transportation home.



# **ATTEND TODAY**



# **ACHIEVE TOMORROW**



# **EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS**

0 days off school 100% Perfection

Equates to 2 days off school each year 99% Excellent

Equates to 5 days off school each year 97% Good

Equates to 10 days off school each year 95% Slight Concern

Equates to 20 days off school each year 90% Concerned

Equates to 30 days off school each year 85% Very Concerned

5 days absence over the whole year 97% - 100%

Good chance of success and progress

20 days absence over the whole year 90%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress 20+ days absence over the whole year

Under 90%

Detrimental to success and progress

### **EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**

### LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 davs lost!

BE AT THE CLASSROOM ON TIME AND READY TO LEARN!

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# Support @ Tudor Grange



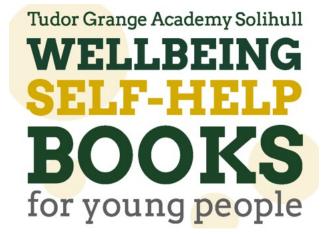














# NEED SOME SUPPORT?

List of external support contacts are found in planners

Produced in collaboration with TGAS Mental Health Ambassadors

# EXTERNAL SUPPORT



Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people



LGBTO + Charity 020 7593 1850

INTERNAL SUPPORT

Speak to staff
Well being self-help hub
Yellow door
Yellow Box
SEMH teacher
Counsellor



Helpline: 0800 02 888 40



fighting for young people's mental health

0808 802 5544 free for mobiles and landlines youngminds.org.uk



Barnardo's

GIVING CHILDREN BACK THEIR FUTURE

Youthline: 0808 801 0711

Studentline: 0808 801 0811

Beat

**Eating disorders** 

# CONTENT TO BE COVERED THIS EVENING



Tudor Grange Academy Solihull

Working Together to Support Our Year 7 Student

> Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

- Navigating the student timetable, planner and SMART card
- Rewards and sanctions
- Our taught behaviour curriculum
- Academic literacy and the value of reading
- Our curriculum learning journeys
- The recording and setting of homework
- The importance of attendance
- Further supportive resources
- Blackwell Adventure details



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This presentation will be shared on the TGAS website, so please don't feel like you must make notes!

### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST...



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> Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September



<u>Macmillan Coffee Morning -</u> Please join us on Thursday to generate proceeds for a fantastic cause! Wednesday 27th September 2023



<u>Year 7 PTA Disco</u> – Further information to follow! – Letters will be shared and payments requested on Parent Pay.

# **NEW INTAKE**Parent Information Presentation





The PTA is co-ordinated by parents whose children attend the Academy and is supported by senior Academy staff.

We raise funds to improve and enhance resources, equipment and opportunities for the students.

- Make a £10 standing order to the PTA small amounts do add up!
- Join our **333 CLUB** PTA lottery
- For online purchases use EASY FUNDRAISING
- Attend events or buy a token ticket
- Tell us if your employer match funds
- If you would like to find out more about getting involved with the PTA please email them at PTA@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk





### **ALL DETAILS ON SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

https://www.solihull.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/parent-groups/parents-association/



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