



Year 8 Guidance Evening

April 2015

Purpose of the Evening



- To explain our setting process
- To explain how we use the information we have about your child
- To explain initiatives introduced in school which help support your child's learning
- To give you some advice about how you can help your child succeed in Year 8 and beyond



Year 8 Setting

We review sets 3 times a year; December, March
and June

- Setting is reviewed after a full year of work and sets will be altered for September 2016.
- If your child moves class you will receive a letter at the beginning of July.

Why do we review sets?



- All classes cover the same curriculum and have the same curriculum opportunities, it is just delivered at a different PACE.
- Some pupils may need to work on more challenging tasks or at a faster pace.
- Some pupils may not be coping with the pace and difficulty of the set they are in. This can damage confidence and slow down progress.
- Some pupils may need the additional support that can be provided in a smaller class.
- We try very hard to refine sets and ensure that the learning experience is positive for every pupil.

The Head of Department is the first point of contact for any queries including setting issues.



Target Setting in Year 8

- All Year 8 pupils will receive a End of Year 8 Target Level for every subject in school.
- This target level is set to ensure that each child will achieve at least 2 sub-levels progress each year (this is the national expectation)
- For example:

	Set From	EKS2 Level	EY7 Level	EY8Level	EKS3 Level
English	KS2 (SATs)	5c	5a	6b	7c
Maths	KS2 (SATs)	5b	6c	6a	7b
Art	Oct Assessment		5b	6c	6a

How will I be informed about my child's progress in school?



- Every year there will be a Guidance Evening – except in Year 9 when there will be an Options Evening (January 2016)
- We will report to you *twice* per year; an Interim Report in December and a Full Report in July.
- Reports tell you how an individual is progressing towards their targets but not whether they are in the right set.

How will my child's progress be celebrated in school?



- Progress Certificate
- Attitude to Learning certificate
- Vivo's Awards – an online reward system
- Going for Gold scheme
- Rewards Days
- Awards Day Tuesday afternoon 14 July 2015



**How can I help my child succeed at
high school?**



Encourage a Growth Mindset

Fixed mind-set



VS

Growth mind-set



Leads to a desire to look smart and therefore a tendency to:

AVOID CHALLENGES



GIVE UP EASILY



SEE EFFORT AS FRUITLESS OR WORSE



IGNORE USEFUL FEEDBACK



FEEL THREATENED BY THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS

CHALLENGES

OBSTACLES

EFFORT

CRITICISM

SUCCESS OF OTHERS

Leads to a desire to learn and therefore a tendency to:

EMBRACE CHALLENGES



PERSIST IN THE FACE OF SET BACKS



SEE EFFORT AS A PATH TO MASTERY



LEARN FROM CRITICISM



FIND LESSONS AND INSPIRATION IN THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS

Growth mind-set in action



- Reading regularly
- Arriving to lessons well-prepared
- Maintaining excellent attendance
- Home learning completed on time and to a high standard
- Asking questions to improve understanding
- Sharing ideas with others
- Respond to teacher's feedback in books and lessons
- Never waste time talking in lessons
- Find out how other people have achieved high marks
- Reflect on success: What was it that made you succeed?



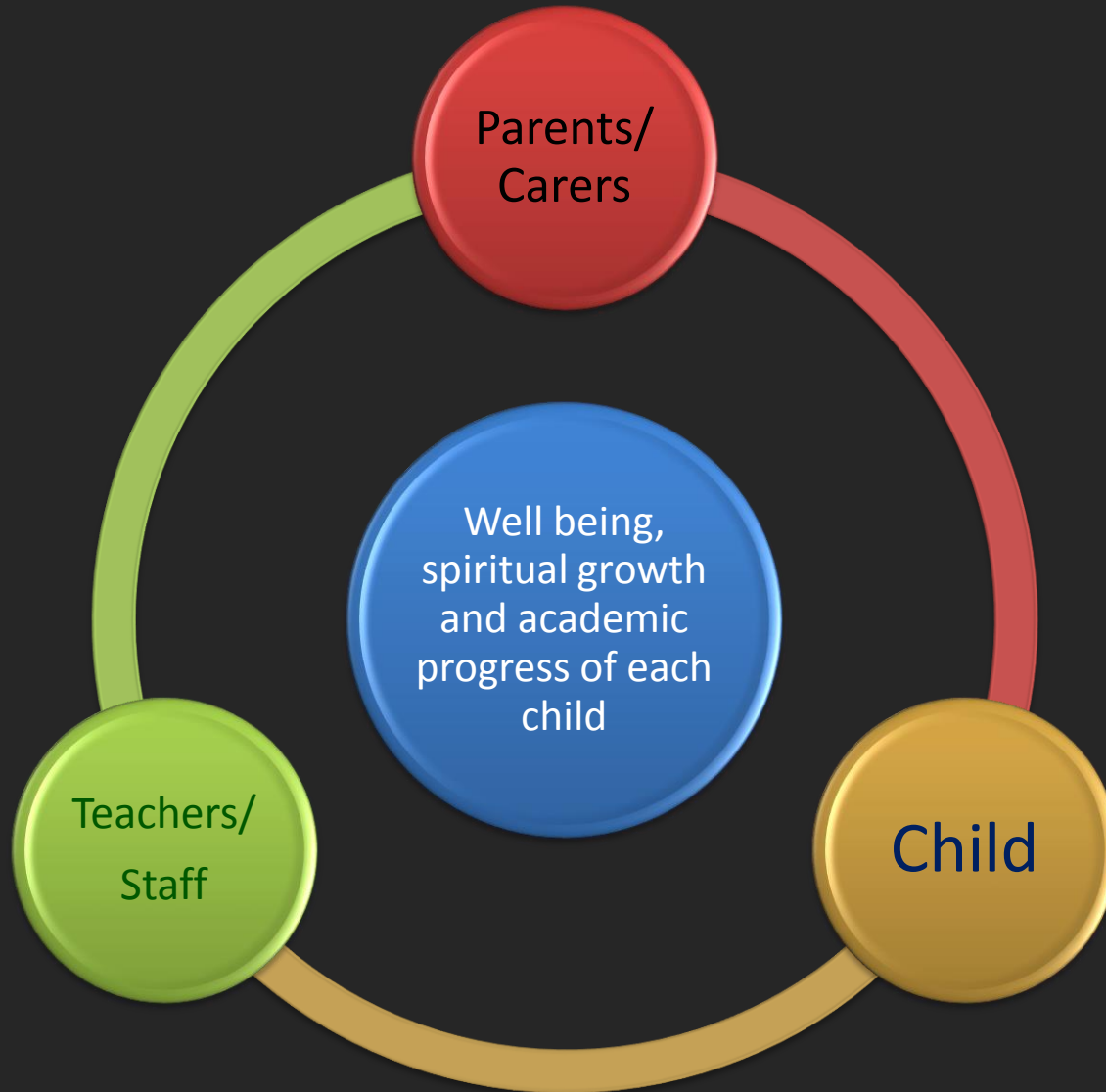
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Other Contributing Factors to Success



- Behaviour in class
- Quiet environment for homework
- Set times for home learning
- Organisation/use of homework planner
- Good attendance (Av.97%)
- Holidays during set holiday periods
- Diet
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities
- Positive friendship groups
- Balanced social life
- Leisure time
- Healthy lifestyle/Exercise
- Sensible sleep patterns
- Parental support of pupil's learning
- Parental support of school

Our continued partnership





Further Developments

Our website and the new Parents e-newsletter

Holy Cross Newsletter

5 May 2015

What's on this week

Monday
 Maths intervention/revision: Year 11A 3:20- 4:15
 Guitar lessons – am
 Art Club – Years 7-9 All welcome 3:20-4:30
 GCSE Art Catch Up Year 11 3:20-4:30
 Dance Club – All Years 3:20-4:30
 Year 11 RE Revision Rm 16 3:20-4:30
 Athletics – All Years 3:20-4:30

Tuesday
 Maths intervention/revision: Year 11B 3:20- 4:00
 Piano & Cello lessons – pm
 GCSE Music revision – lunchtime
 GCSE Art Catch Up Year 11 3:20-4:30
 Year 11 RE Revision Room 16 3:20-4:30
 Athletics – All Yrs 3:20-4:30

Wednesday
 Drum lessons – pm
 Brass Band – 3:20-4:20
 GCSE Music revision – lunchtime
 Miss Bullen Yr10 & 11 Science Revision 3:30-4:30
 GCSE Art Catch Up Year 11 3:20-4:30
 STEM Club 3:30-4:30 in Rm 20
 Dance Club – all Years 3:20-4:30
 Year 11 RE Revision Rm 16 3:20-4:30
 Miss Cuvillier Revision 3:20-4:30 Rm 10
 Year 11 GCSE History Revision Rm 32&33
 Athletics – All Years 3:20-4:30
 Year 9 & 10 Rounders 3:20-4:30

Thursday
 Choir 3:20-4:20
 Singing lessons – am
 GCSE Art Catch Up Year 11 3:20-4:30
 Year 11 GCSE History Revision Rm 32&33

Friday
 Chess Club 3:20-4:00 in Rm 21 for all year groups.
 Woodwind lessons – am
 1-1:30 Wind Band
 Year 11 RE Revision Rm 16 3:20-4:30

All Year 11 have been given the new English revision timetable. A copy is on Mr Ryder's office door and one will be posted on the school website.
School Early Finish: Friday 8 May 2015
 Year 11 commence their study season on Monday 11 May and will participate in a Leavers Mass and Presentation on Friday 8 May. School will be close earlier (1.45pm) for pupils in Years 7-10 on that day. School buses will be running at 1.45pm.

Year 8 Guidance Evening
 Thank you to all the parents who attended the Guidance Evening, we hope you found it useful. The power point which was presented on the evening is on the school website.

General Election Fever!
 This week pupils have had assemblies about the British voting system and "what's it all about? The general election!" Next week, Chorley Youth Council members will be visiting school to organise mock elections. We will also be having our own elections in school – pupils have created their own political parties and manifestos and will be canvassing for voters.

Chorley Schools Dance Off Competition
 Congratulations to all dancers who competed in the Chorley Schools Dance Competition last week. Our Year 11 pupils; Georgia Tandy and Helena Tranter came first with their spellbinding contemporary piece and pupils from Years 7-9 gained 2 second places and 1 third place – well done to all involved.

Rik Waddon Visit
 Rik Waddon the silver medallist Paralympian – Road and Track Cycling – visited our school this week to talk to our pupils about resilience, fitness and motivation. More details and photographs of Rik's visit are on the school website.

Meal deals £1.95 or £2.20 (meal, drink or dessert)
 Sandwiches range from £1.00 - £1.85. Fruit, cakes, biscuits 40p – 70p

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Salmon pasta bake Ham & Pineapple Pizza Veg sausage Variety of Sandwiches Fruit, Biscuits	Roast dinner Red Thai curry Spaghetti Neapolitan Variety of Sandwiches Fruit, Biscuits	Chicken Curry Carbonara Pasta Cheese quiche Variety of Sandwiches Fruit, Biscuits	Lemon Chicken Steak Pie Baked Macaroni Variety of Sandwiches Fruit, Biscuits	Fish & chips Tomato Pasta Ciabatta pizza Variety of Sandwiches Fruit, Biscuits

Every Christian community must be a welcoming home for those searching for God, for those searching for a brother or sister to listen to them.
Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

Maths Puzzle of the Week
 For all year groups. Copies of the puzzle can be found in all Maths rooms and the entry box is in Room 23. The deadline for entries is Thursday every week. See Mr Buckley for further information.

Musical Theatre Club
 Club started this week with an excellent attendance. See Miss Chapman for further details if you would like to attend.

Chorley Schools Duathlon – Saturday 9 May 2015
 Good luck to all our athletes competing in the Chorley Schools Duathlon (run-bike-run) event held in Astley Park this Saturday. Spectators are welcome – first race starts at 9.30am

Advance notice: English Schools Athletics
 English schools Athletics is on Wednesday 13 May 2015. Details of team selection to follow shortly.



Holy Cross Guidance Evening 2015

Thank you for attending.
We trust the evening has been useful.