# Year 9 Parent Information



Assistant Head for Key stage 3 and Head of Year - Miss Clark

#### 9CAA - Miss Allard

9JMC - Mr Cairns

9MA - Miss Aldous/Miss Roy

9KP - Miss Pettit/Mr Mclauchlan

9HT - Miss Tjandra

9TK - Miss Keens

9JPM - Miss Meekings

9CC - Mr Cummings







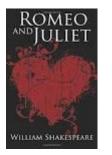
## English

Autumn 1: War Poetry

Autumn 2: Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet

Spring: Susan Hill's 'Woman in Black'

Summer: John Steinbeck's 'Of Mice and Men'



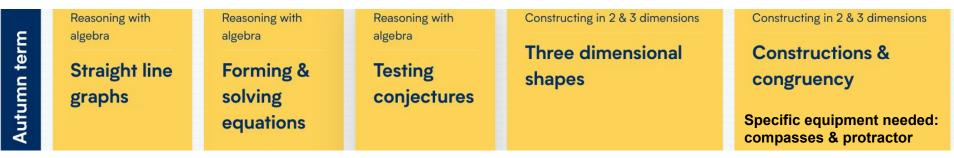




All texts and content have been carefully selected and sequenced to prepare students for the rigour of GCSE.

#### Maths

#### Units for Autumn Term Teaching



#### Year 9 Homework

- Set, and then due, every Monday
- Completed online at: sparxmaths.uk/student
- Pupils should complete all questions set and try to correct errors to reach 100%.
- If pupils are unsure of a topic, please direct them to look at the models in their exercise books and the videos on the website within each question for support in the first instance. If more support is needed, they should see their teacher before the Friday to allow time for re-attempts ahead of the deadline.
- Pupils should note the question codes and answers as they go for spot checks that pop up in the homework tasks.



#### **Science in Year 9: Key Information**

**Classes:** Mixed groups- no setting based on prior attainment

**Teachers:** Specialist teachers- one teacher each for biology, chemistry and physics

**Homework:** Mainly set on educake, students log in and complete quizzes to help with their recall and retention of key information

**Setting in year 10:** End of KS3 exam along with end of topic test data will be used to inform the sets students will be placed in at the start of year 10. The top 60 students in the year will be entered for the separate science award GCSE.



#### Science in Year 9: The curriculum

Term 1: Continuing with KS3 curriculum

Interdependence (food chains, webs and the impact of humans on ecosystems)

Chemical reactions (combustion, reactivity series, displacement and lots of exciting practical work!)

Sound (speed of sound, the ear, sound waves)

**Term 2:** A transition phase, focused on practical skills and areas which we know students find difficult from KS3, ready for KS4

**Term 3:** Building foundations for KS4. Teaching key knowledge and skills ready to start GCSE content in the following year



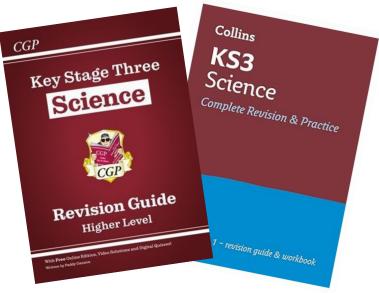
### Science in Year 9: How can you help?

Discuss recent science news topics!

Help with ensuring homework is complete

Take an interest in when end of topic tests are coming up and encourage revision

These are some recommended revision guides for KS3





#### PSHE

H&W - Health and wellbeing - Exploring attitudes and Drugs/The Law

R - Relationships - Long term commitments

LWW - Living in the wider world - Goals and aiming high

Mixed classes, each area has 3 lessons in it then the class have a different teacher delivering a different topic.

#### Pastoral care

Attendance & behaviour - can see this through class charts and log when your child will be absent.

- B1 formal verbal warning logged
- B2 Faculty detention issued
- B3 Removal from class after school detention issued

Positive points logged on class charts and their responsibility card

Responsibility card - different colour each week, issued on a Friday ready for the next week



#### Form tutors are key!

See your child every morning and afternoon.

First point of contact.

Consistent check in with your child and there to support.





#### Year ahead

Student leadership

DofE

Awards evening

Charity week

Weekly and half termly rewards

Reports and parents evenings online



## 2. Committees

- 1) Teaching / Learning
- 2) Safeguarding and Mental Health
- 3) Behaviour
- 4) Student voice
- 5) Environment
- 6) Extra curricular
- 7) Charity
- 8) Primary and SEND



## What is the DofE?

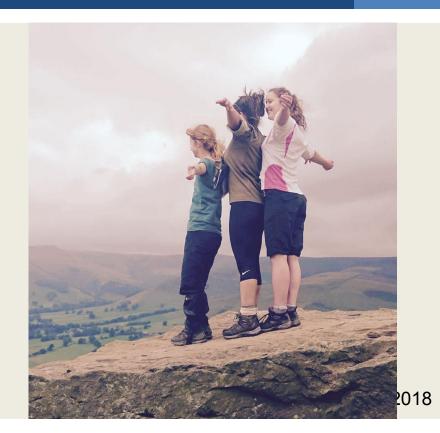


The DofE is a life-changing adventure you don't want to miss.

It's about going the extra mile – learning new skills for work and life, getting fitter, helping others, and exploring the countryside.

Millions of young people in the UK have already done their DofE.

Now it's your opportunity.



### Duke of Edinburgh

Fantastic opportunity!



#### Contact - Peter Graves on pgraves@hrs.education



#### Awards evening & Charity week

Awards evening on 18th October. Invite only.

Charity week last week of Autumn term.

Raise money for a chosen charity.

Events such as staff dancing etc for students to watch, a really fun few days!



# Thank you!!!

