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**Miss E. Jordan – Headteacher**

# **West Mon welcomes the class of 2030**

*"Pupils are happy and proud to be part of a caring, supportive and inclusive community."*

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**Mrs L McNeil – Deputy Headteacher**

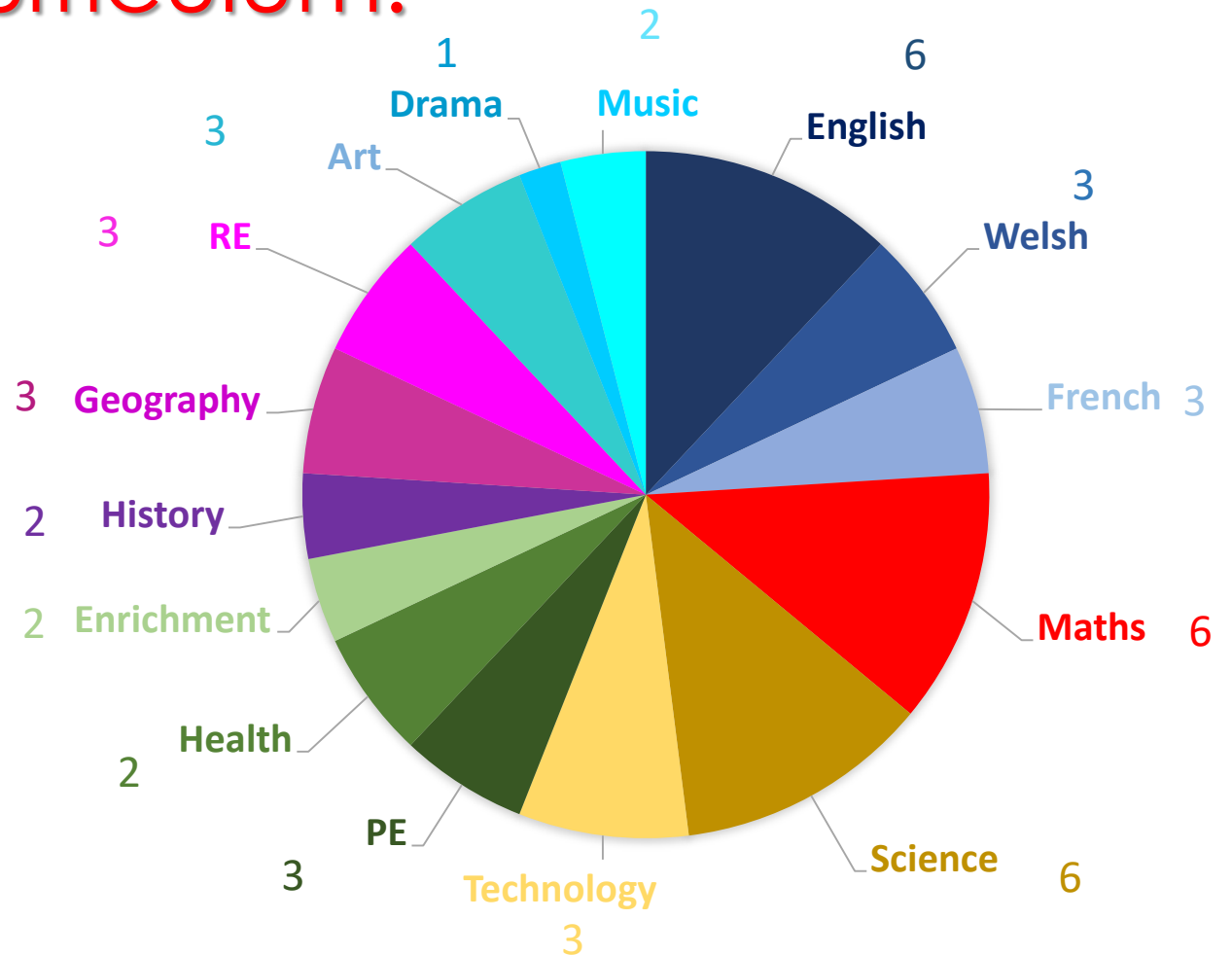




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# School Day & Curriculum:

Morning Registration / Assembly	8.25 – 8.45
Lesson 1	8.45 - 9.45
Lesson 2	9.45 – 10.45
Morning Break	10.45 – 11.00
Lesson 3	11.00 – 12.00
Lesson 4 – KS3 Lunch	12.00 – 1.00
Lesson 5 – KS4 Lunch	1.00 – 2.00
Lesson 6	2.00 – 3.00





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# School Day & Curriculum:

## - Active -

**Dance:** A chance to strut your stuff and bust some moves with Hip Hop, Bollywood and Modern dance.

**Musical Theatre:** Learn to dance, sing put a dialogue to it and discuss costumes, props, set lighting. Then take to the stage!

**Street Basketball** – Pupils will be taught the rules and skills of 3v3 basketball, which is a very exciting and addictive sport. Street basketball is fun, easy to pick up, played worldwide and is now an Olympic sport.

**Grow Your Own:** Learn about where food comes from and how it's grown. Promote a healthy lifestyle which will benefit you in the future.

**Cycling Proficiency:** Bring your bike to school and achieve Level 1 & Level 2 in National Cycling Proficiency award.

**Bike Maintenance:** Learn how to maintain your breaks, tyres and much more on your bike. These skill will set you up for life.

**Rugby Master Class:** Practise new skills and fitness training with our WRU rugby officer.

## - Creative -

**Crafty Crafts:** Ceramics, textiles, printing, mixed media. An introduction to the ceramic world on how to be creative 3 dimensionally with clay and how the kiln works. Also learning printing techniques with a variety of techniques in art.

**Photography:** Anyone can take a picture, can't they? But how many of us can actually take a photograph? Come and have a go!

**Music Technology:** Learn to create digital music and play an instrument to become part of a band.

**Cookery Knowhow:** Do you fancy becoming the next Jamie Oliver or Master Chef? Learn new skills and recipes .

**Waste Wise Wednesday Upcycling:** Learn to be creative thinkers and reuse, transform, unwanted products into new greater quality, artistic and environmental value.

**Eco Club:** Learn to work in a group who works to contribute to improving environmental conditions. Help influence and engage parents and pupils in real-world environmental projects.



## - Thinking -

**Introduction to German:** The widely spoken language in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. This language is also used within business and politics. Have fun learning the culture and festivals too.

**Coding with Sphero BOLT:** Learn coding in a fun creative way by using the Sphero Bolt. Sphero Bolts use programmable robots which lay the foundation for computer science in a collaborative fun based activity.

**Forest School Learning:** Love nature and the out doors? Develop team building, confidence and self-esteem through hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

**Fundraise Like A Hero:** Learn key skills in communication, how to manage a committee, marketing and advertising for a charity fundraiser.

**Forensic Science:** Fancy being the new detective in Pontypool – learn how to dust for fingerprint, read DNA from hair and analyse foot prints.

**British Sign Language (BSL):** Fancy learning a new way to communicate. This is fun and a brilliant skill to have for your future.

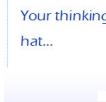


## West Mon Wednesday

Your creative hat...



Your active hat...



Your thinking hat...



## West Mon Wednesday

**West Mon Wednesdays** is an initiative for Year 7 pupils in West Monmouth School. It means that on Wednesday afternoons (on a Week 2), instead of the normal curriculum, pupils will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of enrichment activities instead... completely free of charge!

Pupils will study a different course each term and will be encouraged to try a range of 'Active', 'Creative' and 'Thinking' activities. Each course will last for 5 x two hour sessions (every other week) and will provide pupils with the opportunity to gain new skills, and also to increase their self-confidence. Some of the activities will take place at school and some will be off site.

We hope that West Mon Wednesdays will help to put the fun back into learning for our pupils and will also help to develop important learning and life skills such as resilience and team work. So take a look at the menu of the fantastic activities on offer and take your pick. Develop skills you already have or try something completely different... it's entirely up to you!

WEST MONMOUTH SCHOOL  
PRESENT  
**WEST MON WEDNESDAYS**  
ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME  
Contact email: West Monmouth School, Blaencasa Rd, Pontypool, NP9 1YD, Tel: 01495 762080, Email: enquiry@westmonmouthschool.com

*"Pupils' learning experiences are enhanced through a wide range of extra-curricular activities"*

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West Monmouth School Extra – Curricular & Revision

Lunch	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.30 am – 8.15am			Basketball (all years) – Sports Hall - NS		
Lunch time KS3 12pm – 1pm	Eco Club – BW – N12 (Wk1)	Panto - Theatre - SJ & LAC	Young Enterprise / Fundraising Club – Week 2 – TS – W2	Music – Junior Vocals - LAC - M2	Art club (for all years) – SZM – W5
			Music – Wind band - LAC– M2 DOE – JP – W20	Matilda Rehearsals – theatre – SJ & LAC	Maths (all years) – N18 – LD – (12 - 12.30pm)
Lunch time KS4 1pm – 2pm	Eco Club – BW – N12 (Wk1)	DOE – JP – W22	Matilda Rehearsals – theatre – SJ & LAC	Textiles – CPH – N1	Politics Club – MJ – W30
	Maths (all years) – N18 – LD – (1 - 1.30pm)	Yr11- H & S – HB7 – RB (Wk1)	Yr10 Skills – BZW – W12 (Week 2)	Welsh GCSE (Wk2) – FG – W11	Yr10 Religious Studies – BZT – N11
	Yr11 – Drama GCSE – Theatre - SJ	Yr11 - Religious Studies – N11 - BT	Yr11 – Science – TJ – SL11		
	Yr11 – Skills Challenge – BT - N11 (Wk2)	Year 11 – English -HB3 - LC	Yr11 – English – BRJ – HB9		
	Yr11 – Construction – N4 - TSM (Wk1) DT - (Week 2)	Yr10 – English – N9 – NB (Wk2)	Yr11- H & S – HB7 – RB (Week 1)		
	Yr11 – ICT – N15 - TW		Yr11 - Skills Challenge N11 - BT (Wk1)	Year 11 – English -HB3 – LC (Class E3)	Yr11 Geography – BZW – W12
Yr10 – English – N9 – NB (Wk1)		Yr10 – English – HB11 – SH			
After School 3pm-4pm	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	DOE – JP – W20		Coding Club – IJ – N17	Matilda Rehearsals – theatre – SJ & LAC	Music – Show Choir - MAJ
	Yr11 – French – TL W25		Cooking Club – RMc - HB4		Yr11 – French –TL – W25
	Yr11 – English – HB2 - ELC		Yr11 ICT – IJ - N17	Yr11 History (Wk1 & USA) – GM – W4	Yr11 – Chemistry – LIO – SL8
Yr11 – Religious Studies – W27 - AW		Yr11 History – W30 - MJ	Yr11 ICT – IJ - N17	Matilda Rehearsals – theatre – SJ & LAC	
		Yr11 – Drama GCSE – Theatre - SJ k	Yr11 – Food –RB - HB7		
		Yr10 - Religious Studies -W27 - AW	Yr11 – Additional Maths – GL – N23		
		Yr11 Biology – SL9 & SL14 – RS & JP	Yr11 Maths – LD & SBM – N18 & N19		
		Welsh GCSE – (Yr 9, 10 & 11) – FG – W11	Yr10 – English – HB10 – LD		
Library – IT facilities	Library – Writing Club Homework Club	Library – Dungeons & Dragons Homework Club	Library – Warhammer club Homework Club	Library - Chess Club Homework Club	
PE After School 3pm – 4pm	Football (Year 7) – CL & NS Basketball (All years) – GC Rugby (Yr7 & 9) – DK & CB	Badminton & Table Tennis (all years) – NS Rugby (Seniors) – DK & CB	Netball (Yr7, 8 & 9) – PCJ & EK Girls Football (All years) – CL	Netball (Yr10 & 11) – PCJ & EK Football (Y 8 & 9) – CL & NS Rugby (Yr8) – CB Girls Rugby Masterclasses (Yr7, 8 & 9) – DK Running club – SB & BW – W8	
	<i>*All training sessions are likely to change due to fixtures. Pupils will be notified as early as possible</i>				
5 – 6 pm			Welsh Yr11 – FG – 5-6pm – ON TEAMS		

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# School Communication

**School Gateway for School Communication, Attendance and Reports**

**Schoolgateway**



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**App Store**

GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

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Keeping up with what's going on at school is easier than ever.



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# School Website

**Westmonmouthschool.org.uk**



## Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the West Mon Community where we believe that every child has the right to Believe, Achieve and Succeed.

Our core business as a school is, of course, teaching and learning to ensure that all lessons taught at West Monmouth are both effective and challenging. We have a fantastic team of teachers and support staff who are constantly engaged in professional learning to ensure that their teaching is as effective as it can be and they are constantly engaged in professional learning to ensure that their methods remain innovative and current.



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**Miss C James – Head of Learning Year 7**





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# Uniform & Equipment:

- A royal blue polo shirt with the West Mon Badge.
- A black v-neck jumper with the West Mon Badge.
- Black tights or ankle socks.



- Black tailored trousers – no jeans, joggers or leggings.
- Plain black waterproof shoes – no boots or heels.
- Plain black waterproof coat with hood – no hoodies, denim or leather jackets..



SCAN ME



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## Uniform & Equipment:

- Branded royal blue sports top.
- Either branded shorts or **plain** black shorts, leggings or joggers.
- Other items are additional and are not compulsory but **cannot be substituted with non-WMS branded alternative**



- Trainers which are appropriate for running rather than 'fashion' trainers.
- To play football or rugby on our 4G pitch, pupils will also require a pair of 'mouldies' rather than studs which will damage the surface.



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**Mr G Cooksey – Assistant Headteacher**





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## Ready to Learn:



## Daily Basic Expectations

1. Arrive at school with the **correct uniform** every day
2. Bring a bag with correct equipment. 3 pens, pencil, ruler, rubber sharpener etc
3. Be in school **by 8:20 am each day**
4. Attend Registration or assembly everyday
5. Attend all lessons within 5 minutes of the bell



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# Ready to Learn: Classroom Expectations

**The West Mon Way** – These are the **6 golden rules** we expect ALL pupils to follow ALL of the time:

**Arrive on time** – within 5 minutes of the bell

**Show respect** – for all members of our community

**Follow instructions** – promptly without debate

**Listen in silence** - when teacher / peers are speaking

**No eating & drinking** – water is allowed with permission

**No phones to be seen or used on site** – policy is online





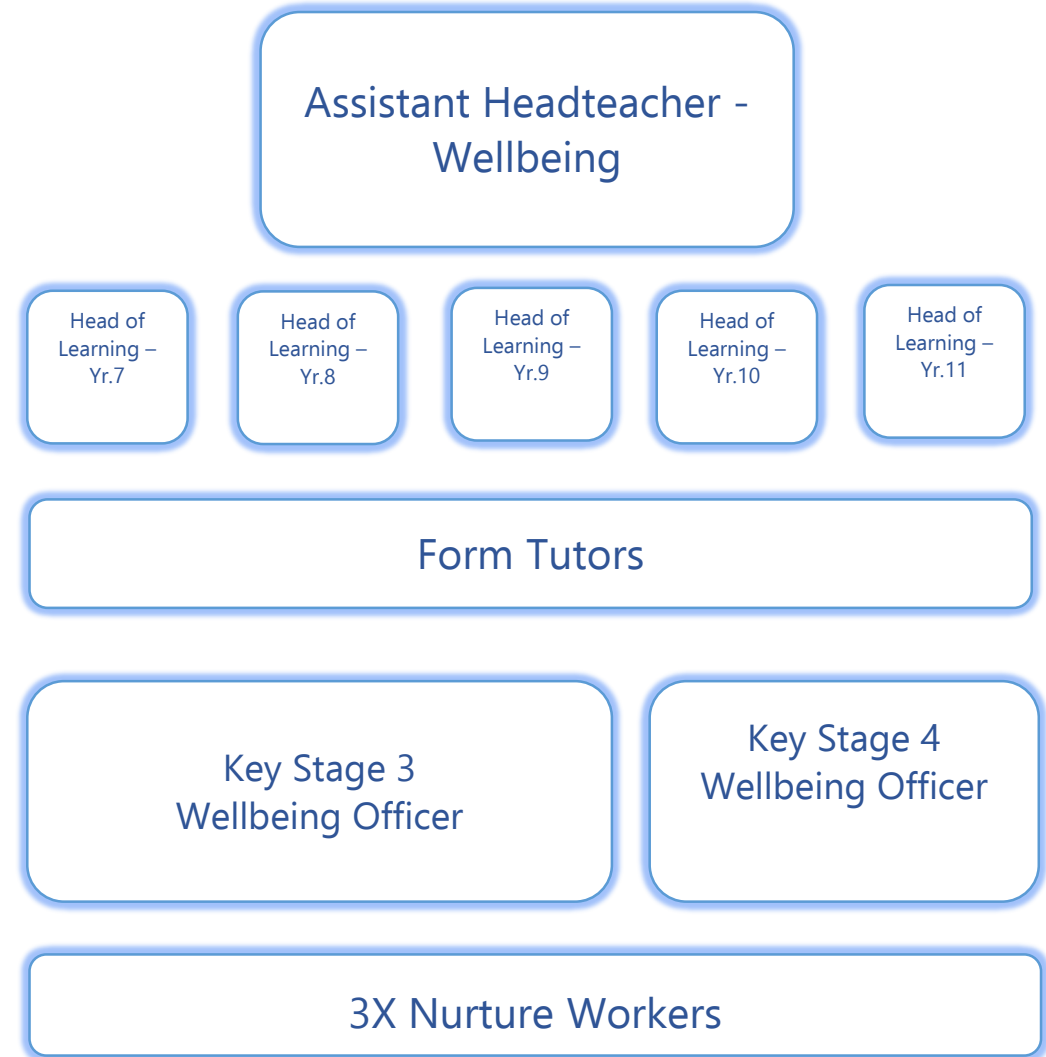
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# Wellbeing:



*"The school provides a high level of care and support through an extensive range of provision."*

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# Wellbeing: The Hafan Team

## Hafan programmes:-

- Forest Schools – Outdoor Learning
- Anxiety Toolbox
- Social Skills
- Anger Management
- Managing Emotions
- Self Esteem
- Nurture
- Choices Workshop





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# Attendance

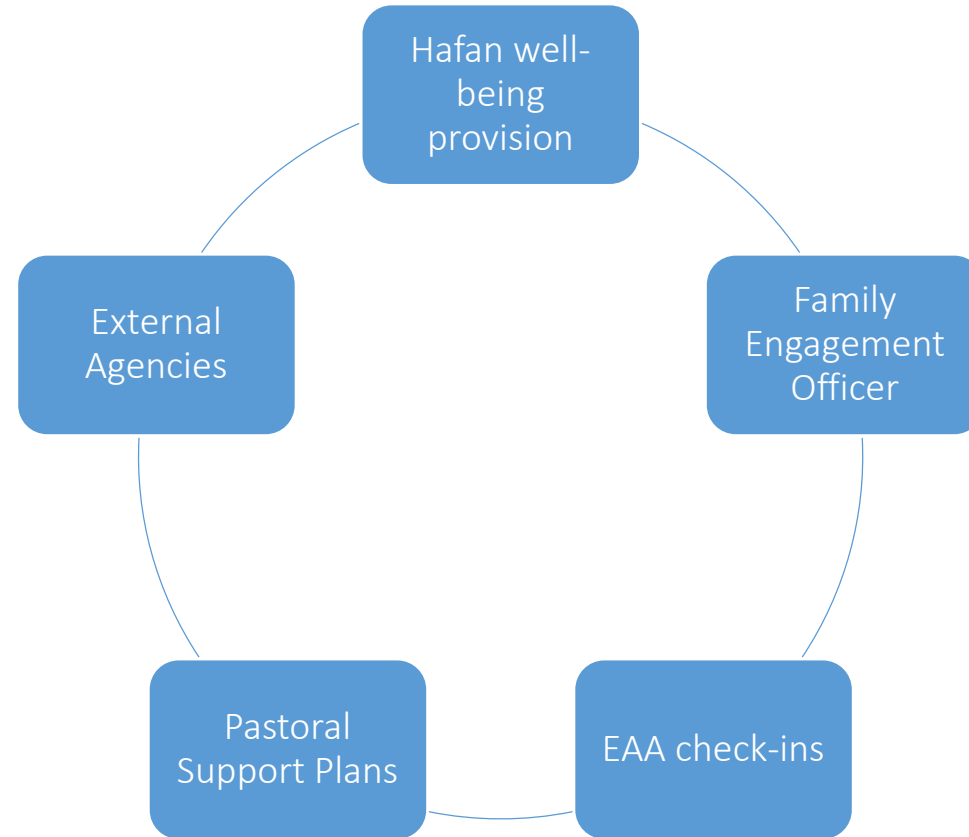
## Attendance

Absence Days all add up

Attendance	Total of Missed Days
98%	4 days lost
96%	8 days lost
90%	20 days lost
85%	29 days lost
80%	38 days lost

### Remember

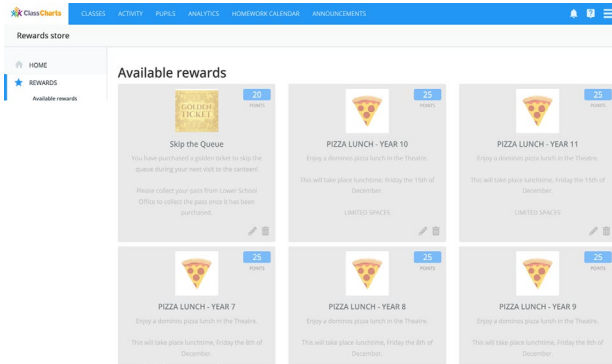
Only 90% attendance over 5 years represents half a year off school.





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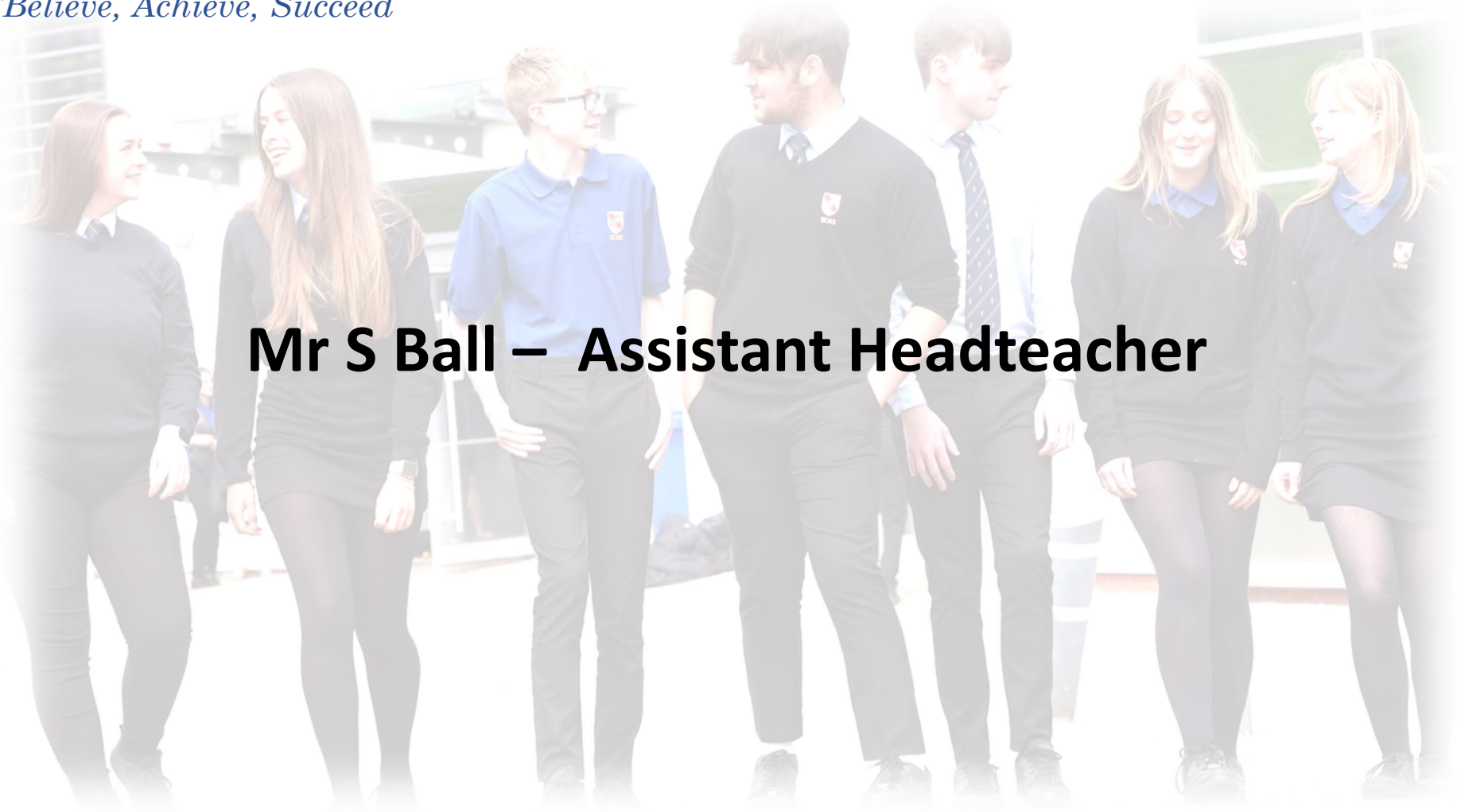
# Rewards





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# Teaching & Learning

Mixed attainment groups

Core skills intervention  
for literacy & numeracy

Nurture group



More able learners

*In many lessons, teachers have appropriate expectations.  
They plan sequences of appropriately demanding activities  
that ensure a suitable pace of learning.*

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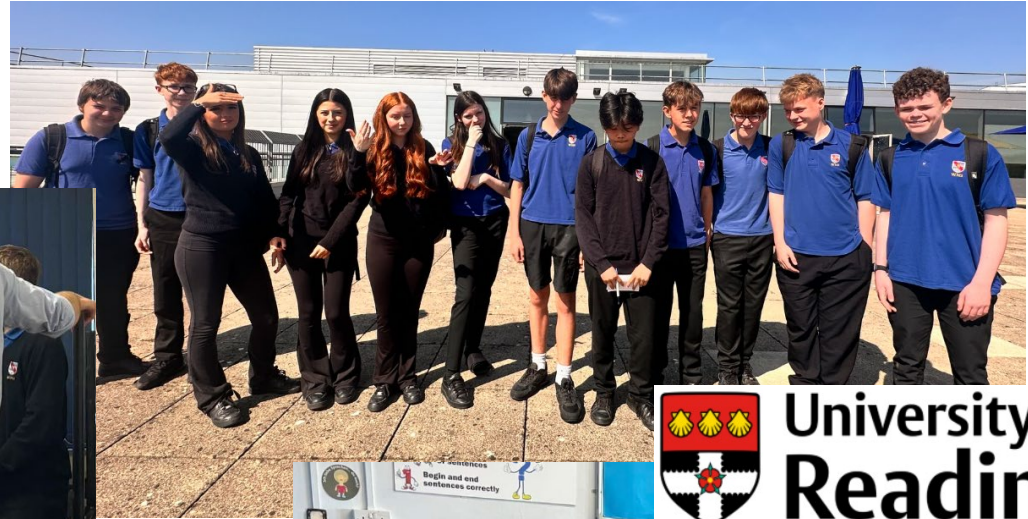
# Teaching & Learning: Mixed attainment groups





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# Teaching & Learning: More able learners



University of  
Reading



HM Courts &  
Tribunals Service



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# Targets & Tracking:

Progress	<b>Abv Exp</b>	Above Expected Progress		<b>Exp</b>	In line with Expected Progress		<b>Below Exp</b>	Below Expected Progress	
Effort Level	4	Excellent	3	Very Good	2	Adequate	1	Unsatisfactory	

Area of Learning	Subject	End of KS4 Target	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
			Progress Level	Effort Level	Progress Level	Effort Level	Progress Level	Effort Level
Language, Literacy and Communication	English	C	Exp	3				
	French	D	Exp	3				
	Welsh	D	Exp	3				
Maths and Numeracy	Mathematics	D	Exp	3				
Science and Technology	Science	C	Below Exp	3				
	Design Technology	D	Exp	3				
Expressive Arts	Art	C	Abv Exp	3				
	Music	C	Below Exp	3				
	Drama	C	Below Exp	4				
	Humanities	D	Exp	3				
Health and Wellbeing	Physical Education	C	Exp	2				
	Food	D	Exp	3				
	PSE		Exp	3				

## CATS - Cognitive Abilities Tests

These tests take place in the first half term and are used to set achievable but aspirational target grades for learners in each subject.

- Year 7 Settling in day - Thursday 16th October
- Year 7 parents Evening - Thursday 7th May 2026
- Snapshot Progress Reports - Friday 19th December 2025  
Friday 24th April 2026
- Year 7 Full report - Wednesday 13th July 2026



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# Chromebooks:



Every child will be provided with a school Chromebook , case for use in school and at home.

These will be handed out on their first day in September.

Pupils must bring them to school each day fully charged.

Parent loan agreement must be completed.



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# September Arrangements:

- Term begins for year 7 on **Tuesday 2nd September.**
- **We are unable to accept any pupils for whom we do not have completed registration forms**

Year 7 New Starter Form



Supplementary Information



Home / School Agreement



ICT Acceptable Use Policy



Chromebook Loan Agreement



Biometric System form



*"A caring environment where staff know their pupils well."* **Estyn**