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**Miss E. Jordan – Headteacher**

# **West Mon welcomes the class of 2031**

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

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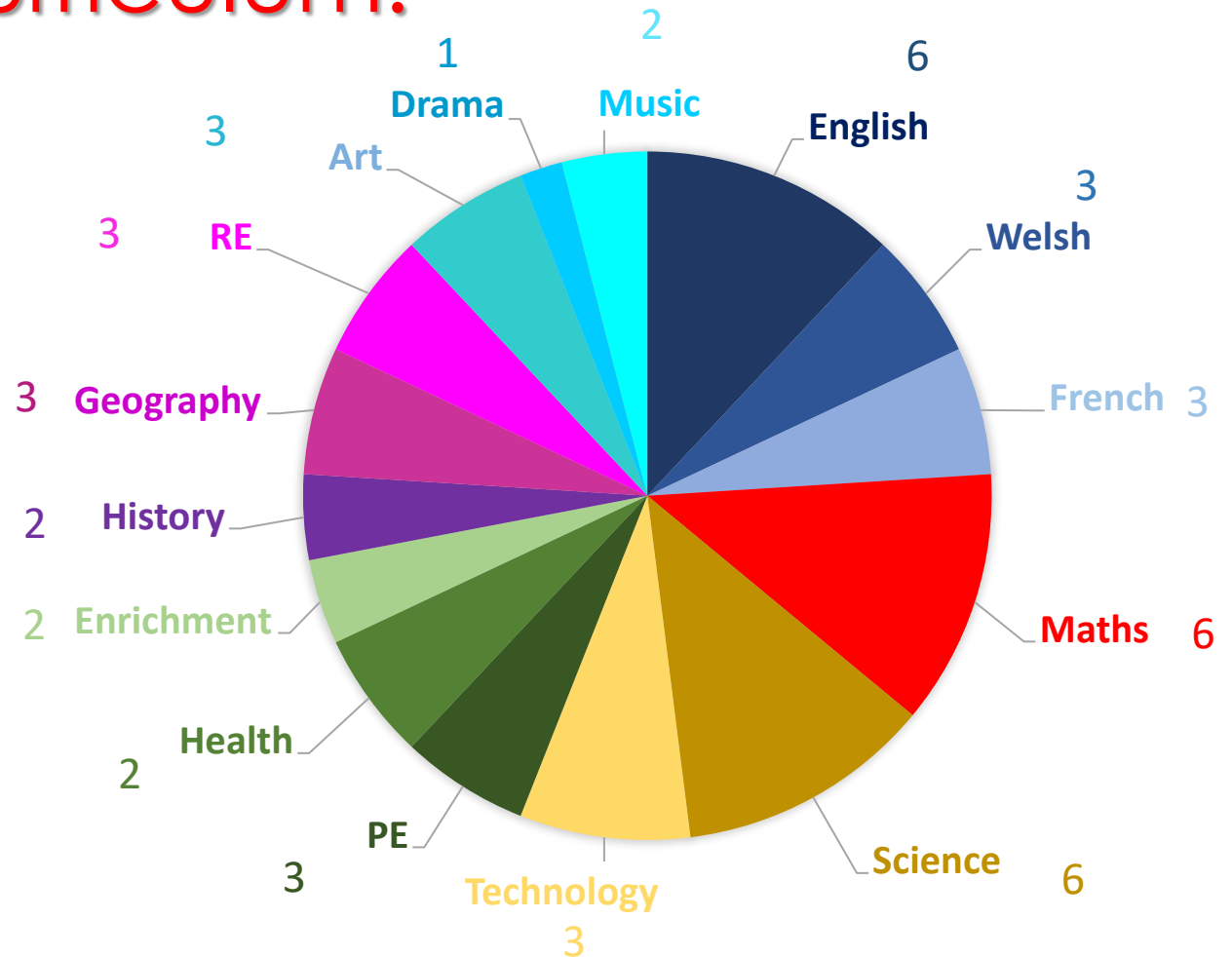




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# School Day & Curriculum:

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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# West Mon Wednesday - Enrichment Activities:

## - Active -

**Hockey:** Learn this exhilarating sport which encourages quick thinking, strategic decision-making, and builds confidence and resilience.

**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.

**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.

**Teamwork in Action:** Pupils will engage in a variety of team building games, energetic sports activities and problem solving tasks to build confidence, leadership skills and develop communication through projects to impact the school community.'

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

## - 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, cant they? But how many of us can actually take a photograph? Come and have a go!

**Seasonal Charity Craft Workshops:** Join us for a fun, exciting crafting session using old books and quirky materials, all for a great cause!

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

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



## - 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.

**Young Enterprise:** Unleash your inner entrepreneur by creating and running your own company. Experience making decisions, marketing and managing finances.

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

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



**West Mon Wednesday**

Your creative hat...



Your active hat...



Your thinking hat...




**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!



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**WEST MON WEDNESDAYS**



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

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

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# Our West Mon Promise:

- Expanding experiences
- Broadening horizons
- Creating futures



# THE WEST MON PROMISE

From Year 7 – Year 11, every student at West Mon will experience the following ten cultural capital opportunities throughout their school journey.



1 A residential stay overnight



6 Go to a beach



2 A sit down meal in a 'restaurant'



7 Visit a farm



3 A purposeful visit to a museum / art exhibition



8 Contribute positively to team environments in a sports team



4 Watch live music



9 Visit local areas of interest



5 Attend the theatre



10 Have the opportunity to learn an instrument



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# Extra Curricular:

## 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 Yr10 – English – N9 – NB (Wk1)		Yr11 - Skills Challenge N11 - BT (Wk1) Yr10 – English – HB11 – SH	Year 11 – English -HB3 – LC (Class E3)	Yr11 Geography – BZW – W12
After School 3pm-4pm	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	DOE – JP – W20		Coding Club – IJ – N17 Cooking Club – RMc - HB4	Matilda Rehearsals – theatre – SJ & LAC	Music – Show Choir - MAJ
	Yr11 – French – TL W25		Yr11 ICT – IJ - N17 Yr11 History – W30 - MJ	Yr11 History (Wk1 & USA) – GM – W4	Yr11 – French –TL – W25
	Yr11 - English – HB2 - ELC Yr11 – Religious Studies – W27 - AW		Yr11 – Drama GCSE – Theatre - SJ k Yr10 - Religious Studies -W27 - AW Yr11 Biology – SL9 & SL14 – RS & JP Welsh GCSE – (Yr 9, 10 & 11) – FG – W11	Yr11 ICT – IJ - N17 Yr11 – Food –RB - HB7 Yr11 – Additional Maths – GL – N23 Yr11 Maths – LD & SBM – N18 & N19 Yr10 – English – HB10 – LD	Yr11 – Chemistry – LIO – SL8 Matilda Rehearsals – theatre – SJ & LAC
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**

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# School Website

Westmonmouthschool.org.uk



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Upcoming Events

- 02 JUL  
Yr. 6 Move Up Day  
ALL DAY
- 10 JUL  
Summer Fete  
ALL DAY
- 11 JUL  
Jambori  
ALL DAY

[View Full Calendar >](#)



## 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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- Examinations
- Attendance
- Trips & Extra-curricular
- Learning
- Staff Contacts  
**Staff Contact Information**
- Term Dates, Inset Days and Parent Evenings



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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..





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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.



# Attendance

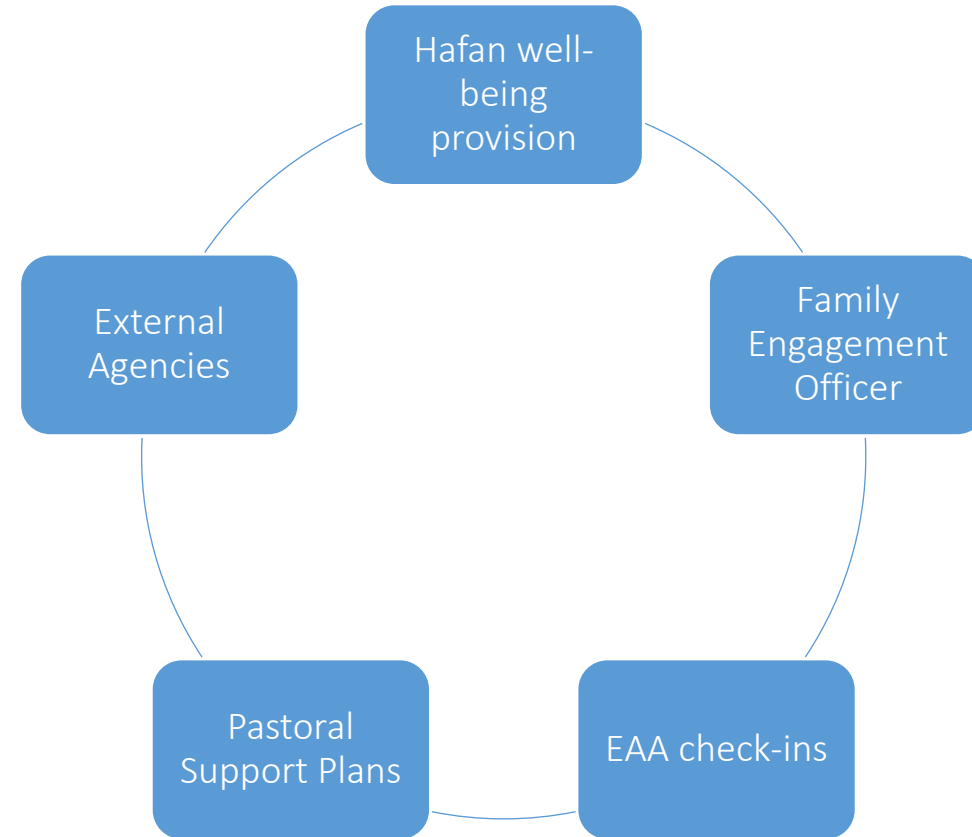
## Attendance

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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## 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

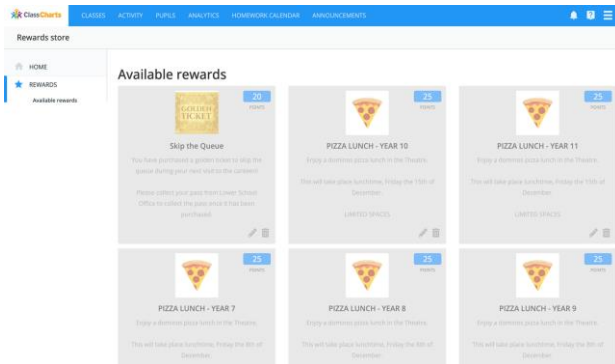
**No phones to be seen or used on site** – policy is online





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# Claim Rewards on Class Charts





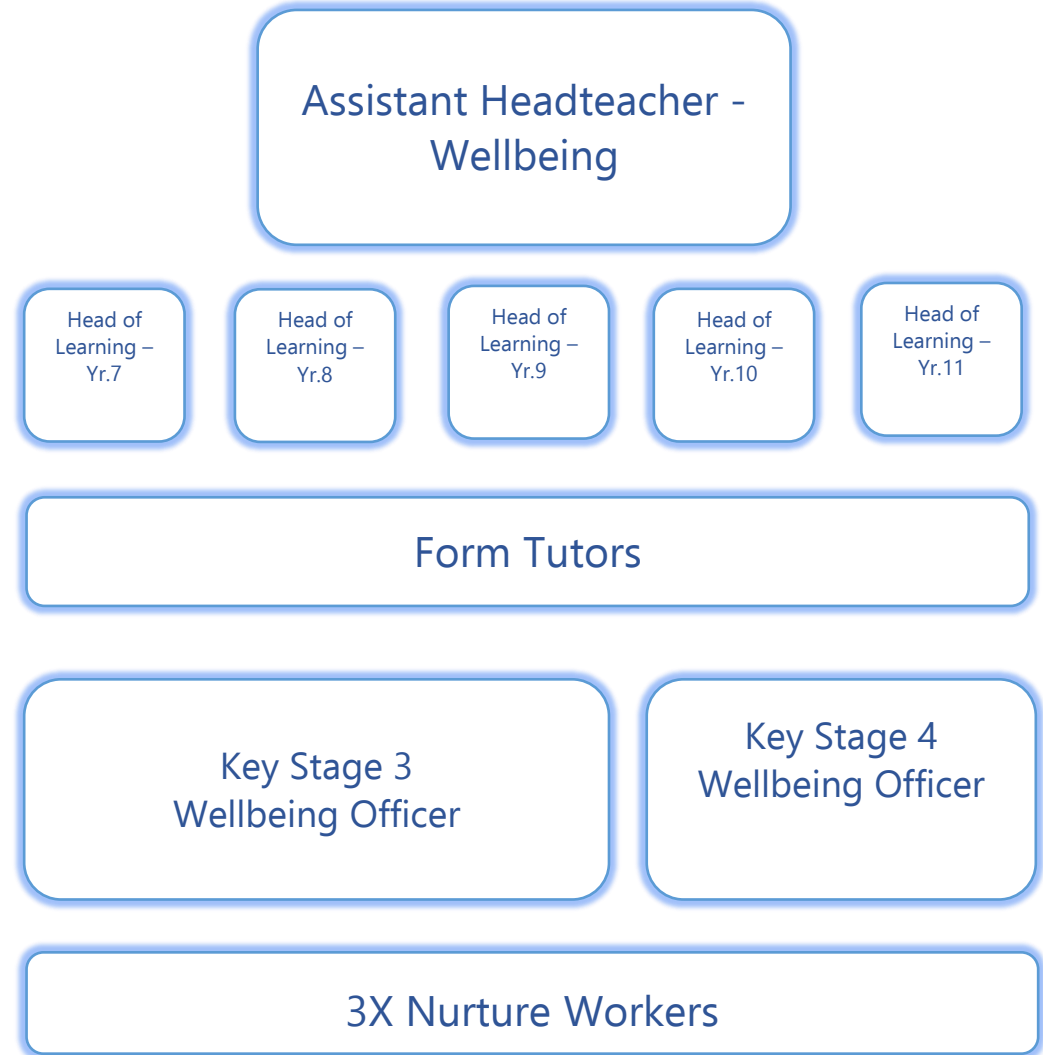
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# Wellbeing:



*"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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## Teaching & Learning:

*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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# 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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# Targets & Tracking:

Progress Level	4	Excellent Progress	3	Good Progress	2	Adequate Progress	1	Unsatisfactory Progress
Effort Level	4	Excellent	3	Good	2	Adequate	1	Unsatisfactory

Area of Learning	Subject	KS4 Target Grade	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
			PP	Effort	PP	Effort	PP	Effort
Languages, Literacy and Communication	English	B	2	3	2	3	3	3
	French	C	3	4	3	3	3	4
	Welsh	C	2	3	2	3	3	4
Maths and Numeracy	Mathematics	E	3	4	3	3	3	3
Science and Technology	Science	B	2	3	2	3	2	3
	Design and Technology	C	3	4	3	4	3	4
	ICT	D	4	4	3	2	3	3
Expressive Arts	Art & Design	B	3	4	3	3	3	4
	Drama	B	3	4	3	2	3	3
	Music	C	3	2	2	2	2	
Humanities	Geography	C	2	2	2	2	2	2
	History	C	3	3	2	2	2	3
	Religious Studies	B	2	3	2	3	2	3
Health and Wellbeing	PE	C	3	4	3	4	3	4

Attendance		
Percentage Attendance: 84.3%	Authorised Absence: 51	Unauthorised Absence: 0

## 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 – Wednesday 21st / Thursday 22nd October 2026
- Year 7 parents Evening - Thursday 6th May 2027
- Snapshot Progress Reports - Friday 27th November 2026  
Friday 5th February 2027
- Year 7 Full report - Friday 9th July 2027



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## September Arrangements:

- Term begins for year 7 (only) on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**
- **We are unable to accept any pupils for whom we do not have completed registration forms**

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