



# HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

Welcome Year 8

# Lower School - Welcome to Year 8



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# Organisation

- A reminder that students will need to bring their own equipment, the minimum of two black or blue pens, pencil, scientific calculator, ruler and glue stick.
- The majority of classwork will continue to be carried out using student laptops, so it is essential laptops are fully charged.
- Students need to ensure that all their Uniform and PE kit has been labelled with their name.
- ParentPay accounts need to be checked regularly and topped up when necessary.

# Routines

- Classes will be different this year with a mixture of mixed ability groups and sets for different subjects.
- Uniform needs to be worn well.
- Attendance is regularly monitored to allow students to achieve their best.
- Assemblies will be a mixture of virtual and in person in the Sports Hall
- Students will need earphones with them every day

# Support

- Year 8 Parents' Evening in May will be through Microsoft Teams
- Please keep personal details up to date through Bromcom/MCAS
- Regularly check homework that has been set on Bromcom for deadline dates.

# MCAS: Bromcom's parent/carers portal

All homework will be published on Bromcom which is accessible via the **MCAS app** along with other school information such as :

- Your child's timetable
- Your child's progress reviews
- Your child's homework
- Any after school clubs your child has signed up to
- Communications from school

And others to be rolled out...

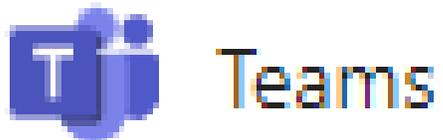
The screenshot shows the 'my child at school.com' dashboard for Highfields School. The page is titled 'Dashboard Homepage and Launchpad'. It features a navigation menu on the left with options like Dashboard, Data Collection Form, Announcements, Exam Timetables, Homework, Parents Evening, Progress Reviews, Timetable, and Academic Calendar. The main content area is divided into several sections: a 'Timetable' section with a table of classes, an 'Announcements' section with no data found, a 'Clubs & Trips' section with no data found, and a 'Homework' section with a question 'Does [child] have homework?'. There is also a 'Progress Reviews' section with a table of reviews.

Period	Subject	Class	Teacher	Time
AM	Tutor Group	10J		08:0
1	Physics	101/Ph1	Mr B Mehmi	08:3
2	Physics	101/Ph1	Mr B Mehmi	09:2
T/B	Tutor	10J/Tu	Ms P Thomson	10:1
3	Product Design	10B/Tp1	Mr S France	10:5
4	Product Design	10B/Tp1	Mr S France	11:4
PM	Tutor Group	10J		13:0
5	Mathematics	101/Ma1	Ms H Jhamat	13:0

Further support on how to set up or use the portal can be found on the school web site >Parents>[Bromcom](#)

# Office 365: Teams and OneNote

- As part of the school's ongoing development of digital learning, students and staff will be using Office 365 applications called Teams and OneNote for classwork and homework more frequently.
- If you are unaware of these applications, think of OneDrive as an online exercise book and Teams as a virtual classroom for each of your child's subjects. More support on these can be accessed on the school website.
- **Any homework** that has been set in OneNote or Teams **will still be published by staff on Bromcom Student Portal and MCAS**



# Supporting your child's learning and progress

## **Curriculum**

- Broad and balanced
- Access to specialist rooms and equipment
- Timetabled literacy interventions

## **Assessment**

- Reviewed assessment calendar – transition reports
- Autumn term - increased formative assessment
- Frequent low stakes testing - multiply choice, forms quizzes, in lessons and after lessons to identify and address misconceptions
- Responsive curriculum planning
- Half termly standard assessment to assess progress and inform interventions

# How will you know how your child is doing?



## Lower School Progress Review

Student Name (Reg)

Attendance
100%

Subject	End of KS3 Target
English	3-
Mathematics	3-
Science	3+

Autumn 1		
Prog	Eff	Hwk
2	C	C
3	A	A
3	C	C

Autumn 2		
Prog	Eff	Hwk
3	B	B
3	A	B
3	B	B

Spring 1		
Prog	Eff	Hwk
3	A	A
4	A	A
3	B	B

Spring 2		
Prog	Eff	Hwk
3	A	A
4	A	A
3	A	A

Art and Design	3-
Citizenship	3-
Drama	3-
Food Technology	3-
Geography	3-
History	3-
I C T	3-
Music	3-
Physical Education	3-
Product Design	3-
Religious Education	3-
Spanish	4-

3	A	A
3	A	A
3	B	B
4	B	B
3	A	A
5	B	B
3	B	B
3	B	B
3	B	N/A
3	A	A
3	A	B
3	B	B

3	A	A
4	A	A
3	B	B
4	A	A
5	A	A
5	A	A
4	A	A
3	A	A
3	B	N/A
3	A	A
3	A	A
3	B	B

Progress:	3 – At the expected level
5 – Above the expected level	2 – At and below the expected level
4 – At and above the expected level	1 – Below the expected level

Effort/Homework:	C – Slight Concern
A – Outstanding	D – Significant Concern
B – Good	



# Key Dates 2023/2024

Event	Dates
Transition Report	October 2023
Progress Review 1	December 2023
Progress Review 2	February 2024
Parents Evening	April 2024
Progress Review 3	July 2024



# Thank you for watching the Year 8 Welcome presentation

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We look forward to seeing you at

**Parents' Evening in May 2024**

