Ridgeway Academy

Parent Information Evening

Year 9

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Welcome To Year 9

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This presentation is designed to share the information you need for the year ahead.

Please email further questions to this email address

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Dates for your Diary

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Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings 18th November 2021

Options - February/March 2022.

Final choices: April 2022.

Year 9 Options Evening will take place where students will be able to discuss the GCSE course content with heads of departments.

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Free School Meals

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If your circumstances have changed recently you may qualify for your child or children to receive free school meals.
Click on the link below to find out.

If you have any questions about Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, please email megan.frost@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx

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Agenda

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The Pastoral Team.

Home School Partnership.

Expectations.

Curriculum priorities from Core Subject Leaders.

Planning for the future.

What we can Celebrate!

The Pastoral Team

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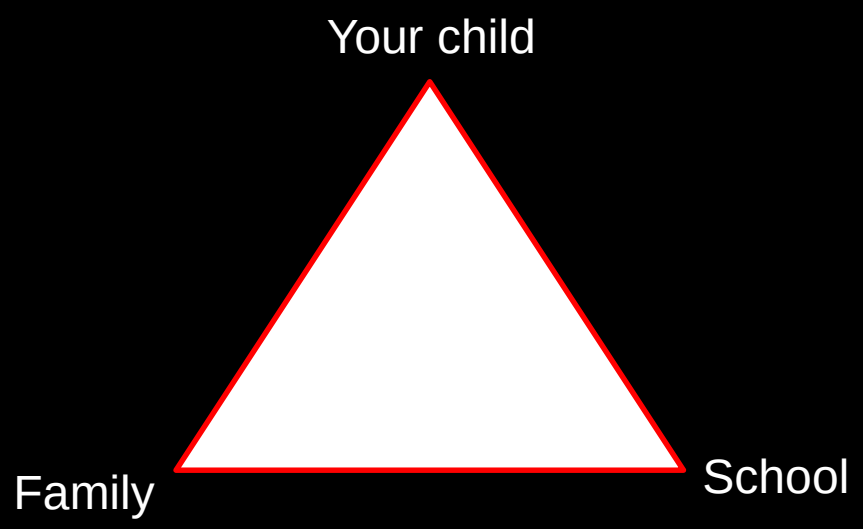

"Parental involvement in a child's education can mean the difference between an A* and an 'also-ran' at GCSE"

The Times Educational Supplement

Home School Partnership

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Working together for your child:

Keep your child's Form Tutor informed.

Check on homework, progress grades, rewards and any sanctions.

Support our uniform and behaviour policies.

Expect the best effort in class and homework, behaviour and presentation.

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Children are more likely to succeed if they:

Talk to you about their day at school.

Have a healthy, daily breakfast.

Pack their bags the evening before school with required equipment.

Get a good night's sleep.

Receive praise for their efforts.

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Expectations

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We **ATTEND** the Academy and all our lessons every day, and remain until dismissed.

We **ARE PUNCTUAL** to the Academy and our lessons; in seats and working by the second buzzer.

We **WEAR UNIFORM** with pride and care and react immediately to corrections.

We **PREPARE** for our learning, remembering our full equipment for every lesson.

We **TRAVEL** to class in an orderly way and keep to the left on corridors and stairs.

We **LISTEN** to instructions, follow directions first time and ask politely if we need clarification.

We **WORK** to the best of our ability at all times and behave in a way that allows others to do the same.

We **RESPECT** our staff, our peers, our environment and our community.

We **STAND** in silence when a visitor comes into the room.

We **STOP** immediately when asked, and give our full attention to staff when spoken to.

Attendance Matters

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90% attendance = ½ a day missed every week

90% over the school year = 4 whole weeks of lessons missed

90% over 2 years = a whole half term missed!

In order to achieve, students **MUST ATTEND**

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Homework

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Your child is responsible for completing their homework to the best of their ability, on time and in line with school policy.

Show My Homework and Google Classroom:

Your child has been given their login details for each and stuck them into their planner. Contact **Form Tutor** if lost.
Create a regular homework routine.

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Core Subject Curriculum

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English

Subject Leader: Miss C. Carter

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Mathematics

Subject Leader: Miss L. Jesson

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Science

Subject Leader: Mrs E. Kemp

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English

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Key Stage Three

Students explore a range of texts including poetry, drama, prose and non-fiction. We aim to explore texts from different time periods and different cultures.

Students are set 3 homework tasks per week: 1 hour of reading, spellings and a written task. Further advice and information relating to reading is available under English curriculum on the school website.

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Mathematics

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Year 9 Mathematics AIM: Students to become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, to be able to reason mathematically and to solve problems by applying their mathematical understanding to a variety of problems.

Assessment in Maths: A short assessment will take place at the end of each unit in which we keep track of the scores cumulatively to inform setting. An end of year exam also takes place in summer term.

Home Learning: Homework is centrally set weekly by the class teacher on both google classroom and show my homework. The type of homework is rotated over four weeks.

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Science

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Year 9 Science AIM: To install students with the belief that higher level science education is available to them

What will we learn in Science in Year 9? From September until Easter students will study bridging topics to ensure that they have both the skills and knowledge to be successful in their GCSE's. After the Easter Holidays students will start their GCSE curriculum with the energy and chemistry fundamentals topics.

How will my child be assessed in Science? Routine quizzing and short exam style questions in lesson. Half-Termly Assessments covering content that has been delivered. Termly assessments that will assess all prior content.

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Careers

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Year 9 students are beginning to explore a range of careers and related information during their Personal Development sessions.

They will continue to have opportunities to discuss their next steps with their tutors and their peers.

Some of these sessions will include an introduction to Labour Market Information which will encourage students to look at the jobs available to them in this area and to set realistic expectations for their next steps.

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- Year 9 students are also welcome to contact our careers advisor for one to one support if they require it. Please advise them to speak to their Head of Year to arrange an appointment.
- All students should check their Unifrog account and log on regularly to keep up to date with Careers provisions.

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Thank You

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Thank you for viewing.

By working together we will support and encourage your child to achieve their full potential.

Please keep in touch, we are here to help.

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