



Welcome to Ridgeway

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Parent Information Evening

Director of Learning: Mr. W. Sarjeant

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Topics

The Pastoral Team

Growth Mindset

Home School Partnership

Expectations

Curriculum Priorities (English,
Mathematics, Science)

Planning for the Future

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The Pastoral Team

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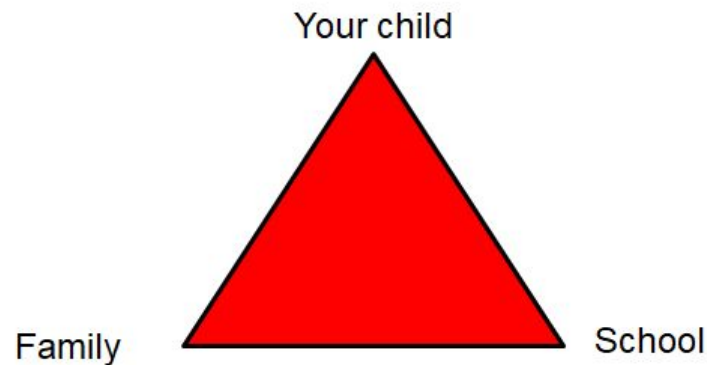
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Growth Mindset

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

(The Times Educational Supplement)



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Successful children...

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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Working Together

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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Expectations



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.

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Attendance

Description	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning hours lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

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Homework

Your child is responsible for completing their homework to the best of their ability, on time and in line with school policy. Homework will be loaded onto google classroom. You can help your child help by creating a homework schedule and supporting them with their tasks.

Google Classroom:

Your child has been given their login details on a sticker in the front of their planner. Please contact Form Tutor if this is lost.

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Gila Learning

Unlimited flash cards.

Training and revision seminars during the school year.

Dr Martijn van der Spoel

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Curriculum Subjects

English

Subject Leader: Miss C. Carter

Mathematics

Assistant Head & Subject Leader: Miss L.
Jesson

Science

Subject Leader: Mrs E. Kemp

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English

At Key Stage Four students follow the AQA specification in both Language and Literature.

For literature, the texts we study are: A Christmas Carol, Macbeth, An Inspector Calls.

Students will complete weekly essays and writing tasks at home.

Students will complete regular “Big Write” assessments in class.

Suggested revision guides include CPG guides and workbooks for all texts.

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Mathematics

Queries – Miss Louise Jesson (louise.jesson@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)
Assistant Headteacher - Director of Mathematics

What will my child learn in mathematics during year 10?

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Similarity						Developing Algebra					
	Congruence, similarity and enlargement			Trigonometry			Representing solutions of equations and Inequalities			Simultaneous equations		
Spring	Geometry						Proportions and Proportional Change					
	Angles & bearings		Working with circles		Vectors		Ratios & fractions		Percentages and Interest		Probability	
Summer	Delving into data						Using number					
	Collecting, representing and interpreting data						Non-calculator methods		Types of number and sequences		Indices and Roots	

What home learning will my child receive?

Homework is centrally set weekly by the class teacher on both google classroom and show my homework. We rotate type of homework over four weeks. Week 1 is knowledge based, set on our PiXL maths app. Week 2 is a written worksheet, week 3 is a revision task and week 4 is a piece of work linking to our school values.

How will my child be assessed in mathematics?

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 GCSE exam also takes place in summer term.



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Science

What will my child learn in science during year 10?

Students will cover content that will prepare them to sit the paper one elements of each course.

During year 10 all classes regardless of title study very similar content. This will allow for students to change between the single science and combined science route at the start of year 11.

Homework is set weekly through the 'educake' app. Details of the homework will be placed on google classroom.

More information on the specific topics studied can be found on the AQA science website.

What is the difference between the courses?

Single science 6 x terminal exams. Each 1 hour 45 minutes.
100 marks available
3 x GCSE's biology, chemistry & Physics.

Combined science:

Covers all three subjects.

6 x terminal exams. Each 1 hour 15 minutes.

2x GCSE's

It is important to remember that there is an overlap between the two courses – 70% of the single science paper will be on material that is studied in both combined and single science.

Queries – Mrs Emma Kemp – Director of Science
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Careers

Labour Market Information via Personal Development sessions.

Work experience in July 2022.

Careers advisor available through Mrs Merrigan by appointment.

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Key Dates

Assessment 1: Monday 10th - Friday 14th

January

Parent Consultation Evening: Thursday

3rd February

PPE1: Monday 20th June - Friday 1st July

Work Experience: Monday 4th - Friday

8th July

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Thank you

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

Please keep in touch, we are here to help.

If you have any questions regarding this presentation please email:

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