



# Key Stage 3 Parents' Information Evening

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# Why do we have these evenings?



1. Update parents/carers with key information for Year 8 pupils
2. Give you practical tips on how to support your child
3. Give you an opportunity to speak to teachers

# Swanlea in 2019



- 79% 9-4 English and Maths
- 59% 9-5 English and Maths
- Our progress should place us in the top 120 of all schools in England
- We expect that students in Year 10 and 11 will achieve even better results than this and our current cohort of Year 8 to achieve even greater success.

# Supporting your child to be successful in KS3



- Ensure your child has excellent attendance and punctuality
- Ensure your child is fully prepared for school e.g. equipment & uniform
- Regularly check and sign your child's planner
- Check your child is completing their homework and revision.
- Ensure your child attends period 7 if they have been invited to these sessions.
- Liaise with your child's teachers.



# Key Dates for Year 8

Date	Events
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b>	<b>Year 8 Parents Information Evening (4-5pm)</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Super Learning Day 1
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Year 8 assessments starts for three weeks
28 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Year 8 data drop
<b>4<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>	<b>Year 8 Options Evening &amp; Parents Evening (4-7pm)</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>	<b>SLD 2/Year 8 IAP day</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Year 8 assessments start for three weeks
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020	Year 8 data drop
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Arts week
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Last day of school



# Period 7

- A compulsory part of our extended school day for students in Year 8 onwards
- Lessons run on either Tuesday or Thursday from 3.15pm-4.15pm
- Delivered by specialist English and Maths teachers
- Aimed at providing catch-up or stretch
- Targeted children attend for half-term blocks
- Students will be issued with new timetables
- First sessions start this week

# Year 8: KS3 Science Overview



## Curriculum:

B2.1 Health and lifestyle  
B2.2 Ecosystem Processes  
B2.3 Adaptations  
C2.1 The periodic table  
C2.2 Separation Techniques  
C2.3 Metals and acids  
P2.1 Electricity and Magnetism  
P2.2 Energy  
P2.3 Motion and Pressure

## Exams:

End of unit tests  
Cumulative assessment in  
December and May

## Homework & resources:

Kerboodle Activate contains a copy of the textbook, quizzes and additional resources. Quizlet is also useful.

Science GCSE starts in Y9. From Sept 2020 sets 2, 3 and 4 will be learning AQA trilogy (2GCSEs) while sets 1 will do separate (3 GCSEs).

There will be flexibility for movement between sets in Y9.

**Sitting 2 GCSEs does NOT reduce a student's ability to sit science A-levels and to study science/ medicine/ engineering at university.**



# MATHS

## Key Information:

### **Curriculum:**

Nine units

Mastery of topics

Prepare students for higher tier in Yr 9

### **Exams:**

Unit Assessments: 9 Unit Assessments throughout the year

Cumulative Assessments: 3 Cumulative Assessments

End of Year Assessment: 2 Papers (1 Non-Calculator, 1 Calculator)

### **Homework:**

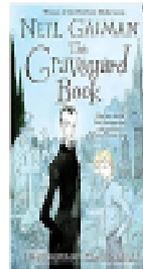
Hegarty Maths

Once a week

To be done online and in their yellow HW book



## KS3 English



- Shakespeare: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Much Ado About Nothing*
- Poetry: Identity and culture; writing poetry
- Gothic reading and writing: *The Graveyard Book*
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century Literature: *Oliver Twist* and other Charles Dickens
- Play: *Kindertransport*
  
- Students should be reading for 1 hour every day!
- Parents: The best thing you can do is read with your child, or talk to them about reading!
- Suggested authors: Patrick Ness, Neil Gaiman, Veronica Roth, Lois Lowry... (visit the library for more!)

# On line Safety



# What can you do as parents to safeguard your children?



- Keep all computers, tablets and phones in a common area where you are able to monitor their online usage.
- Learn about how social networking websites work and become familiar with them. Ask to see their profile pages and posts online.
- Boundaries and mutual respect. Set time limits on their usage, do not allow them to bring their phones to bed with them etc...
- If your child reports that they are being victim to cyberbullying tell them not to respond but keep the evidence to then report to the appropriate services i.e.: school.



## Resources for parents:

- Share Aware: Our [Share Aware teaching resources](#) help you teach your pupils to stay safe online. Primarily aimed at a primary audience, they can be adapted for older children.
- [Net Aware](#): Net Aware is the NSPCC and O2's guide to the most popular sites, apps and games that young people use. This is a great site for parents as well as anyone working with children.
- [O2 NSPCC Online Safety Advice Line](#): Our expert advisors at our free helpline can answer any questions about online safety. You can call them on 0808 8005002.
- O2 Gurus: Anyone can get free online safety advice from O2's friendly experts in-person at an O2 store. They can help you set up parental controls, or teach you how to make a phone safe for a child. Book an appointment here: <https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator>
- Parents vs Kids: See who knows the most about the online world, and learn a bit more about staying safe. You can [play](#) on your mobile, desktop or tablet or an Amazon Echo. Visit [o2.uk/PlayParentsvsKids](https://o2.uk/PlayParentsvsKids)

## Resources for young people:

- [Zipit](#) is a free app from Childline. It provides young people with witty GIFs, memes and a flirting guide to help them navigate tricky chats. It's full of helpful tips and advice so, if asked to send a nude photo, they have the tools to diffuse the situation.
- [Our Childline website](#) hosts a range of online safety information for young people, which we regularly review and update. This includes advice on sexting, gaming, porn, and staying safe online. There are message boards where young people can ask for advice from other young people and 'Ask Sam' which is like an 'agony aunt' message board. There is also a version for children under the age of 12.
- [Voice box videos](#) are hosted weekly through Childline. They provide familiar faces from YouTube to kick-start discussions on the issues affecting young people. Past topics include the myths around pornography, sending nudes, and spotting the signs of grooming.

# Thank you

