

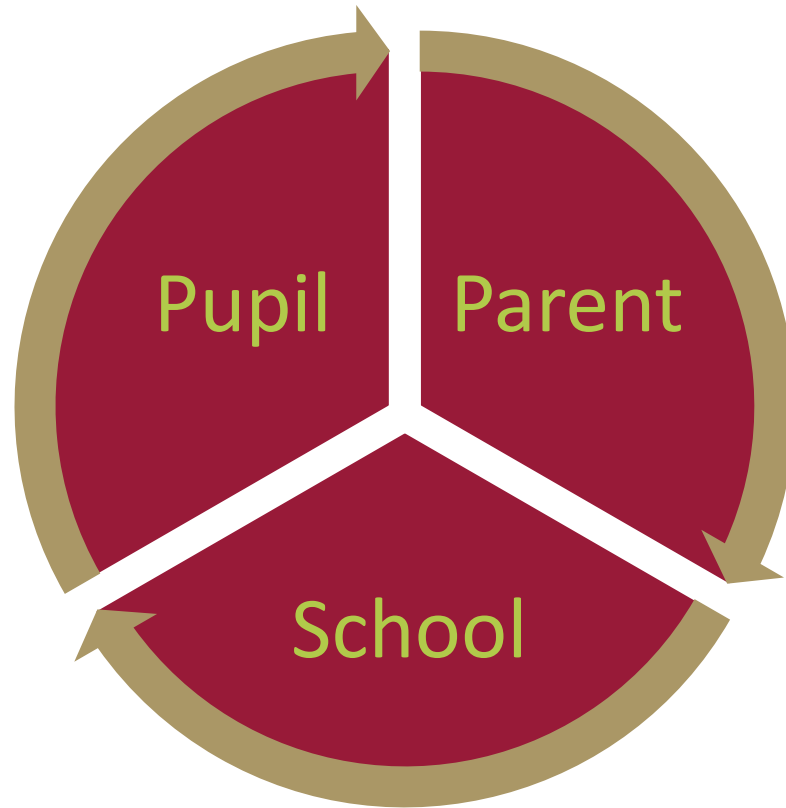
Year 9 Information Evening

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Working Together in Partnership



This Evening

- The year ahead.
- The curriculum.
- Home Learning
- How you can support your child.

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September

- Welcome back!
- Settle in with their subjects and teachers.
- Macmillan bake sale **25th September.**



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October

- Open Evening - **1st October. Early finish for pupils.**
- Hello Yellow, world mental health day **Friday 9th October.**
- World Porridge – **Friday 9th October.**
- Big sleep out – **Friday 9th October.**
- Careers Fair – **Tuesday 13th October.**
- KS3 rewards lunch – **Wednesday 14th October.**
- Show Racism the Red Card – **Friday 16th October.**
- Break up for Half Term – **Friday 16th October.**

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November

- Pupils told to revise for their Big Tests.
- National STEM day – **Monday 9th November.**
- Alton Castle trip – **Wednesday 11th November– Friday 13th November.**
- Odd Sock Day – **Monday 16th November.**
- KS3 revision workshop for parents/carers – **Tuesday 17th November.**
- Options Assembly to pupils – **Wednesday 18th November.**
- Parents' Evening - **Thursday 26th November.**
- Y9 Drop Down Day – **Friday 27th November. Be Safe, healthy and happy day.**

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December

- Option's Poll – **1st December**
- Options mentors allocated
- Christmas Jumper Day **12th December**
- Sports credit trip **15th December**
- Carol Concert **16th December**
- KS3 Rewards Breakfast **16th December**
- Break up for Christmas holidays – **Friday 19th December.**



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January

- KS 3 Big Tests - **Monday 11th – 15th January.**
- Options online Information Evening.
- Options Mentor Meetings begin **22nd January - onwards**
- Savio House – **Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd January.**
- Chester Zoo – **Friday 22nd January.**
- ‘No Pen day.’ – **Tuesday 26th January.**
- UK Maths Challenge - **Wednesday 27th January.**



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February

- Tracking to parents.
- Options Evening – **Thursday 4th February**
- KS3 Rewards lunch - **Tuesday 9th February**



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March

- Drop Down Day - **Monday 1st March.**
- PI day – **Friday 12th March.**
- Immunisations **16th – 17th March.**
- Duke Of Edinburgh planning day – **Saturday 20th March**
- KS3 rewards breakfast - **Tuesday 23rd March.**
- **Thursday 25th March break up for Easter holidays.**
- Options forms returned and allocation confirmed.



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April

- Berlin trip – **Tuesday 13th April – 16th April**
- Options process completed.
- End of April – start revision for Big Tests.



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May

- Duke of Edinburgh – **Friday 14th – 15th May.**
- KS3 revision workshop for parents/carers – **Tuesday 18th May**
- KS3 rewards lunch – **Tuesday 25th May.**
- Immunisations – **Tuesday 25th May.**
- Break up for half term – **Friday 28th May.**

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June

- Big Tests – **Monday 21st June – 25th June.**
- Celebration Evening – **Thursday 24th June.**
- Sports Day – **Wednesday 30th June.**

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July

- KS 3 Graduation – **Tuesday 6th July**
- London - **Wednesday 7th – 9th July.**
- Rewards Trip - **Monday 19th July**
- Sports credit trip – **Tuesday 20th July.**
- Tracking to parents **End of July**
- KS3 Rewards breakfast – Thursday **22nd July.**
- Spirit Week – **Monday 12th July – 16th July**
- Barlow world culture day – **Friday 16th July.**
- Break up for summer – **Thursday 22nd July**

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Options Process 2026-27

Date	Process
September	General Information Evening – Outline key dates for the year
November	Assembly - The Options Process: Subject Information
November	Year 9 Parents' Evening – Focus on the suitability to subjects
November	Early Indicator Poll (EIP)
December	Results of EIP analysed – Fed into staffing needs/costing. Used to identify Options Mentor.
January	Online Information Evening for Parents.
January - February	Options Interviews with Staff (LMT/HOY/Director of Key Stage)
February	Options Evening
March	Forms Returned
March	Analysis and Allocation – Parents/Carers Contacted
April	Process Completed

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Graduating Key Stage 3:

CRITERIA

	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Attendance	At least 98% (excluding medical appointments/funerals etc.)	At least 96% (excluding medical appointments/funerals etc.)	At least 91%	90.9% or below
Punctuality	0 Late to School	3 or less Late to school	6 or less Late to school	6 or more
Behaviour Points	0 N3 or N4 and No suspensions	3 or less N3s 0 N4s No suspensions	6 or less N3s 1 x N4s No suspensions	More than 6 x N3s More than 1 x N4 Suspension from school
SPAR Points	750+	500+	350+	100+
Contribution to School Life	Show evidence you have contributed to The Barlow. Are you on the school football team? Are you part of the chaplaincy team?	Show evidence you have contributed to The Barlow. Are you on the school football team? Are you part of the chaplaincy team?		
Contribution to the wider community	Show evidence you have contributed to the community you live in. Do you volunteer? Do you help an elderly neighbour?			

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Reward trip Criteria



In order to receive an invitation to the Rewards trip at the end of the year you must hit the following criteria.

- Outstanding Attendance = 97%
- Outstanding Punctuality = must not hit Trigger Point 1 more than once
- Outstanding behaviour = must not hit **Trigger Point 2** or Trigger point 1 more than once
- SPAR points = Bronze Award

You MUST achieve ALL of the above criteria



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Home Learning overview – Year 9



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Subject	Platform	Set	Due
RE	Booklet	Set by teacher	Set by teacher
English	Sparx Reader	Tuesday	Tuesday 9am
Maths	Sparx Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday 9am
Science	Sparx Science	Monday	Sunday evening
Spanish	 Language nut	Every other Monday	Every other Wednesday
History	Enquiry-based task	Once per timetable cycle	Set by teacher
Geography	Set by teacher	Set by teacher	Set by teacher

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How can I support my child to succeed?

- **Homework:** Take an active role!
- **Same time / same space:** Somewhere quiet and organised.
- **Try to set a routine.**
- **Include breaks.**
- **Food for thought:** Are they fed and watered?
- **Be open minded:** Don't panic if you do not understand the work yourself.
- **Encourage independence.**
- **Monitor and limit screen time:** Set clear limits.
- **Provide support and encouragement.**
- **Support with revision.**

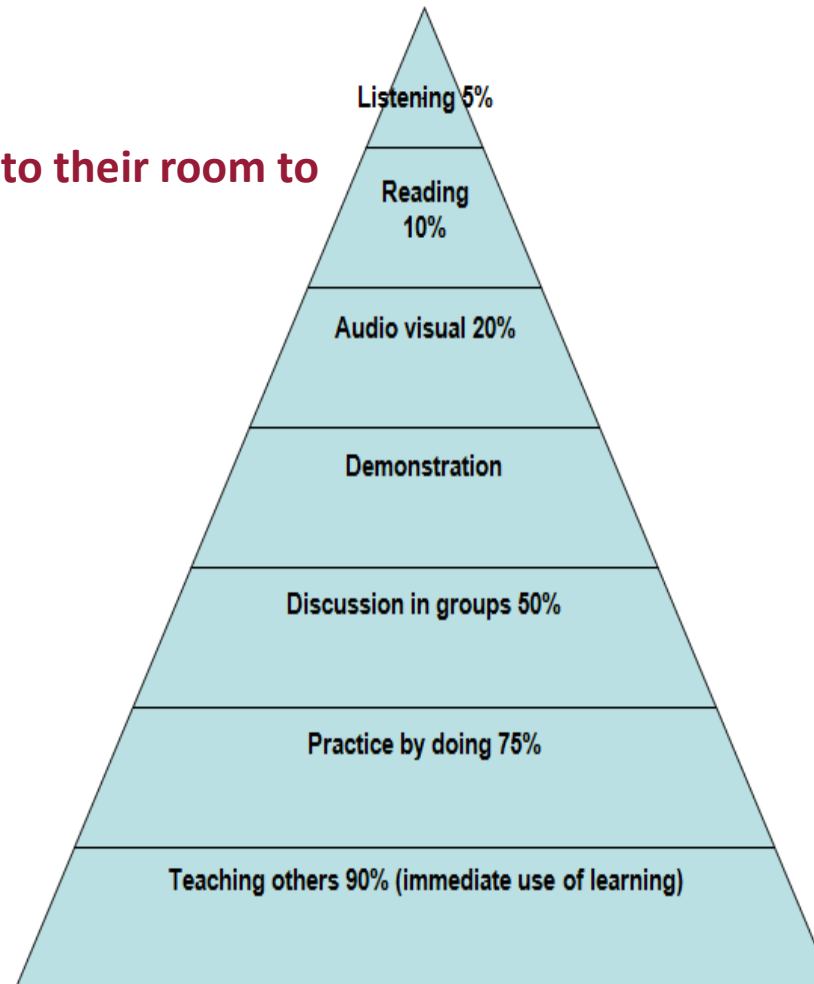
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How can I support my child with their revision?

DO NOT just send your child to their room to revise!



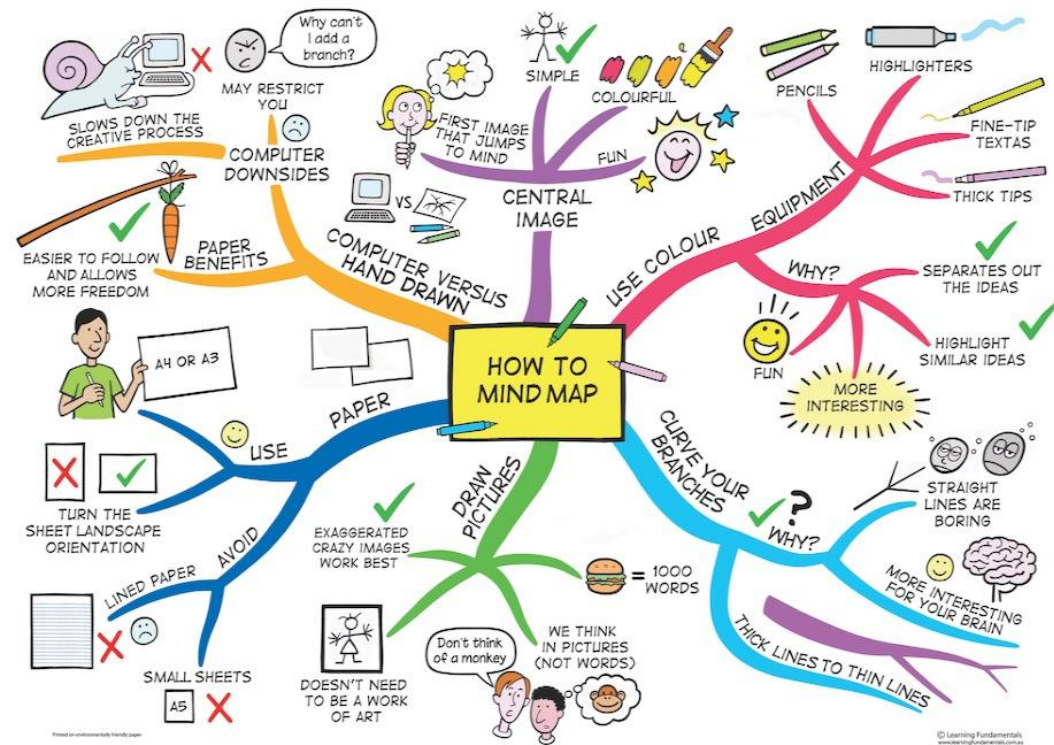
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How can I support my child with their revision?

- Create a revision timetable
- Get your child to create flash cards – test them!
- Create mind maps
- Past papers
- Revision guides - ParentPay
- Show and tell

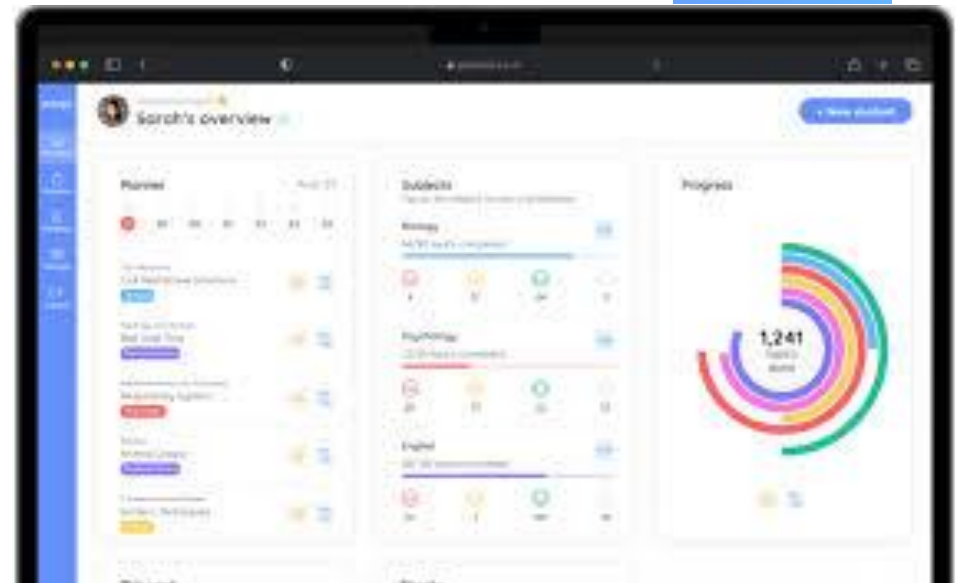


Apps to support revision.

Flora



Adapt



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Curriculum

- Everything your child is studying can be found on our website.
- Revision Hub



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Co- Curricular Activities : Why?

- *The chance switch off and do something you enjoy.*
- *They can actually improve your grades and your outlook on school in general.*
- *Opportunities to explore a range of interests and unlock passions you never knew you had.*
- *Build your self-confidence*
- *Expand your social network.*
- *Make your CV or College application stand out from the rest.*

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What will
you do?



Attendance matters.

Attendance	Number of school days missed	Number of hours of learning missed
95%	9.5 days	47.5 hours
94%	11 days	55 hours
93%	13 days	65 hours
92%	15 days	75 hours
91%	17 days	85 hours
90%	19 days	95 hours

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Been late to school costs time.

Minutes Late Per Day During School Year		
5	3.4 Days	98.4%
10	6.9 Days	97.8%
15	10.3 Days	94.7%
20	13.8 Days	92.9%
30	20.7 Days	82.2%

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Who can I contact for support?

- Class teachers
- Curriculum Leaders
- Family Tutors
- Mrs Sutton – Head of Year
- Mrs Iddon – Director of Key Stage

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Questions?



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