

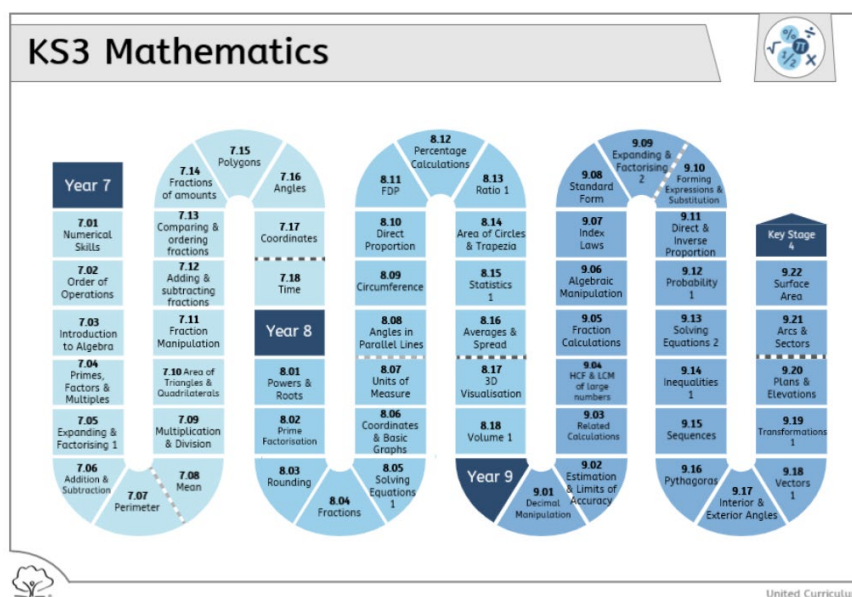
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Dear Parent/Carer

Curriculum support

At George Eliot Academy we have an aspirational and knowledge rich, five-year curriculum. Our website includes useful information and resources to support you and your child with their curriculum journey. You can see in every curriculum area what your child will be studying and the sequencing of the topics. For Years 10 and 11, you are also able to access the examination area of the website and find past papers, exam resources and recommended web sites.

[GEA Website](#)



Assessments

In Years 7, 8, and 9, pupils will undertake formal mid-year assessments as well as formal end-of-year assessments. In addition, throughout the year, they will complete low-stakes assessments designed to monitor progress and support learning. Year 7 pupils will also sit baseline assessments early in the academic year to help us gauge their starting points.

For pupils in Years 10 and 11, there will be a series of GCSE mock examinations to prepare them for their GCSE examinations. These assessments are crucial in tracking your child's progress and helping us provide the support they need to succeed. After each formal assessment, pupils will receive a rank placement in each subject, allowing you and your child to see how they are performing relative to their peers and whether they are improving.

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will also have reading tests over the year. Developing a child's reading ability significantly improves their ability to access their GCSE examination papers in every subject. The school runs a variety of reading and Literacy interventions as well as monitoring weekly, their progress on the schools SPARX reader programme.



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Knowledge Organisers (Years 8 and 9)

Your child will be coming home with our new-look knowledge organiser. This contains critical, fundamental knowledge that pupils must know in order to be successful. The booklet will help them to recap, revisit and revise what they have learnt in lessons, in order to move the knowledge within from a pupil's short-term memory to their long-term memory. The knowledge organiser is part of pupils' basic equipment and should be with them on a daily basis. Pupils will be set two home learning tasks each term, in each subject that will support them to use their knowledge organiser. As a parent you can see all the key vocabulary and key knowledge your child should learn, so that you can question and quiz them regularly to support their learning.

Knowledge Organisers (Year 7)

Due to exciting updates to some of the Year 7 resources and curriculum, there will be no new knowledge organisers for Year 7 this year. We will however be producing termly knowledge organisers which will reflect the most relevant information, and these will be given to pupils to use in the same way as above.

Glossaries (Year 7, 8 and 9)

This year we have invested in glossaries for all Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. These booklets contain the relevant terminology and vocabulary that pupils will need to know and feel confident to use across all of their subjects. Pupil glossaries are useful for self-quizzing at home and supporting homework completion.

If you would like further information about our Knowledge Organisers or some practical ideas on how to use them, please see our section of the website called [Knowledge Organisers](#)

If you have any questions about the curriculum, please contact:
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Yours sincerely

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