

Parents' Guide to Boosting Progress

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Aims of the session

- Recap on last years talk: Tier 1 and Tier 2 Documentation
- Why Year 8 matters
- The Homework and Study environment
- Mastering executive skills
- Communication and Growth Mindset
- Two minute takeaways

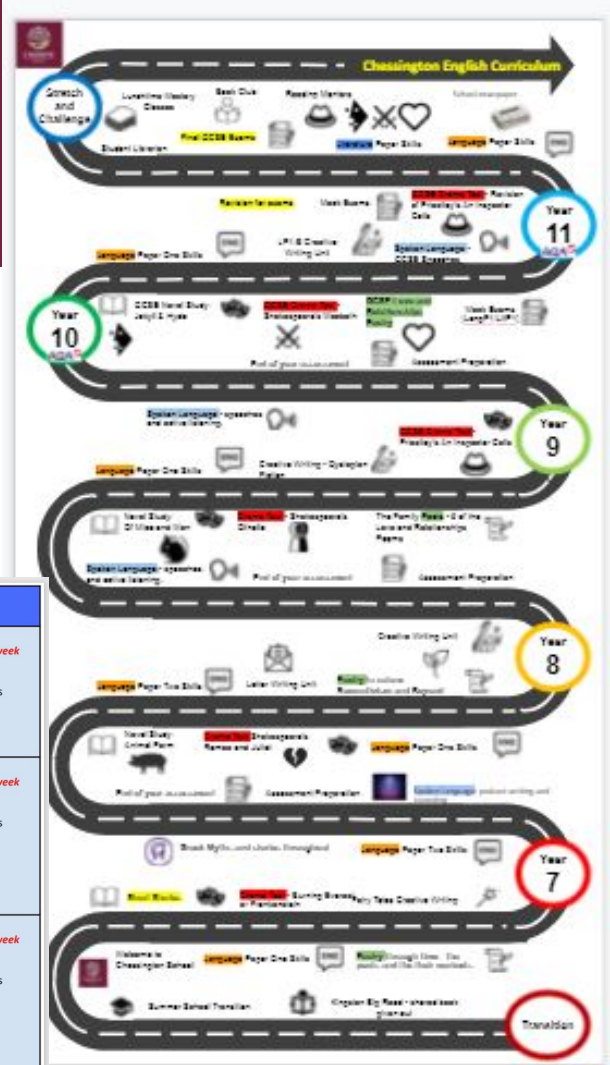




Tier 1 and Tier 2 Documents

- Illustrates the learning journey of each subject
- Aim to stimulate conversation
- Found on school websites for each department.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place Value Decimals Rounding BIDMAS Mental Calculations & Estimating Revision Autumn 1 assessment - week beginning 27/9/21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative numbers Using symbols 3D shapes - surface area & volume Coordinates Transformations Revision Spring 1 assessment - week beginning 28/3/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area & Perimeter 3D shapes - surface area & volume Coordinates Transformations Revision Spring 1 assessment - week beginning 28/3/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angle properties/facts 3D shapes - surface area & volume Indices Factors, Multiples, Primes HCF/LCM, Prime factorisation Online assessment - week beginning 28/3/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Averages Fractions & decimals Arithmetic with fractions Percentages Substitution with decimals Ratio & Proportion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision End of year exams - week beginning 20/6/22 Feedback week Informed weaknesses Alternative Learning
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area & Perimeter of basic shapes 3D Shapes: Volume & surface area Prime factorisation Substitution Co-ordinates Transformations Revision Autumn 1 assessment - week beginning 18/10/21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angle properties & facts Measuring & constructing Averages Fractions, Decimals, Percentages Online assessment - week beginning 13/12/21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using formulae Equations Linear graphs Revision Spring 1 assessment - week beginning 7/2/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratio & Proportion Polygons Parallel lines Pythagoras Engagement & similarity Online assessment - week beginning 28/3/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probability Data - collecting, representing and interpreting Real life graphs Revision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision End of year exams - week beginning 20/6/22 Feedback week Informed weaknesses Alternative Learning
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number operations & place value, rounding, BIDMAS/ basic Algebra Ratio / Scatter Graphs Angles Algebra - function machines and basic equations Linear graphs and parallel lines Revision Autumn 1 assessment - week beginning 18/10/21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative numbers/ factors & multiples (F/H) Decimals / equations & formulae 2 (F/H) Charts & graphs/ collecting & representing data (F/H) Simplifying expressions/ proportion (F/H) Scale diagrams & bearings / co-ordinates & linear graphs (F/H) Online assessment - week beginning 13/12/21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factors, multiples, primes/ Fractions (F/H) Area & Perimeter / Parallel lines (F/H) Frequency tables/ sampling (F/H) Proportion/ scale diagrams & bearings (F/H) Revision Spring 1 assessment - week beginning 7/2/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single brackets and factorising/ linear sequences (F/H) Powers & roots / direct proportion (F/H) Substitution and formulae / decimals (F/H) Direct proportion / quadratic sequences (F/H) Circles/ calculating with percentages (F/H) Online assessment - week beginning 28/3/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collecting and representing data/ area & perimeter (F/H) Fractions/ real life graphs (F/H) Solving equations / ratio & proportion review (F/H) Probability/ quadratics FOIL (F/H) Transformations/ basic probability (F/H) Coordinates & gradient / quadratics 2 (F/H) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision End of year exams - week beginning 20/6/22 Feedback week Informed weaknesses Alternative Learning



Why Year 8 Matters?

Building the basics - securing knowledge in all subjects

The bridge year - last full year before option choice, increased workload and formal run up to starting GCSEs

Progress isn't just intelligence - but Effort, Environment and Effective habits.



Homework and Study Environment



Routine - help them set a regular time dedicated to homework/revision. Consistency is key in effective habit formation.

Progress Zone - A dedicated table or desk (not the bed or sofa); Minimal distractions (music off) Tools available (ensure they have basic stationary supplies readily available so they don't waste time.)

Your role? “The quiet presence” - You don't need to know quadratic equations, just be nearby and check-in, reinforcing routine.



Communication and Growth mindset



Talk about Learning, not grades.

Asking open ended questions like... "What was the most difficult thing you learned today"

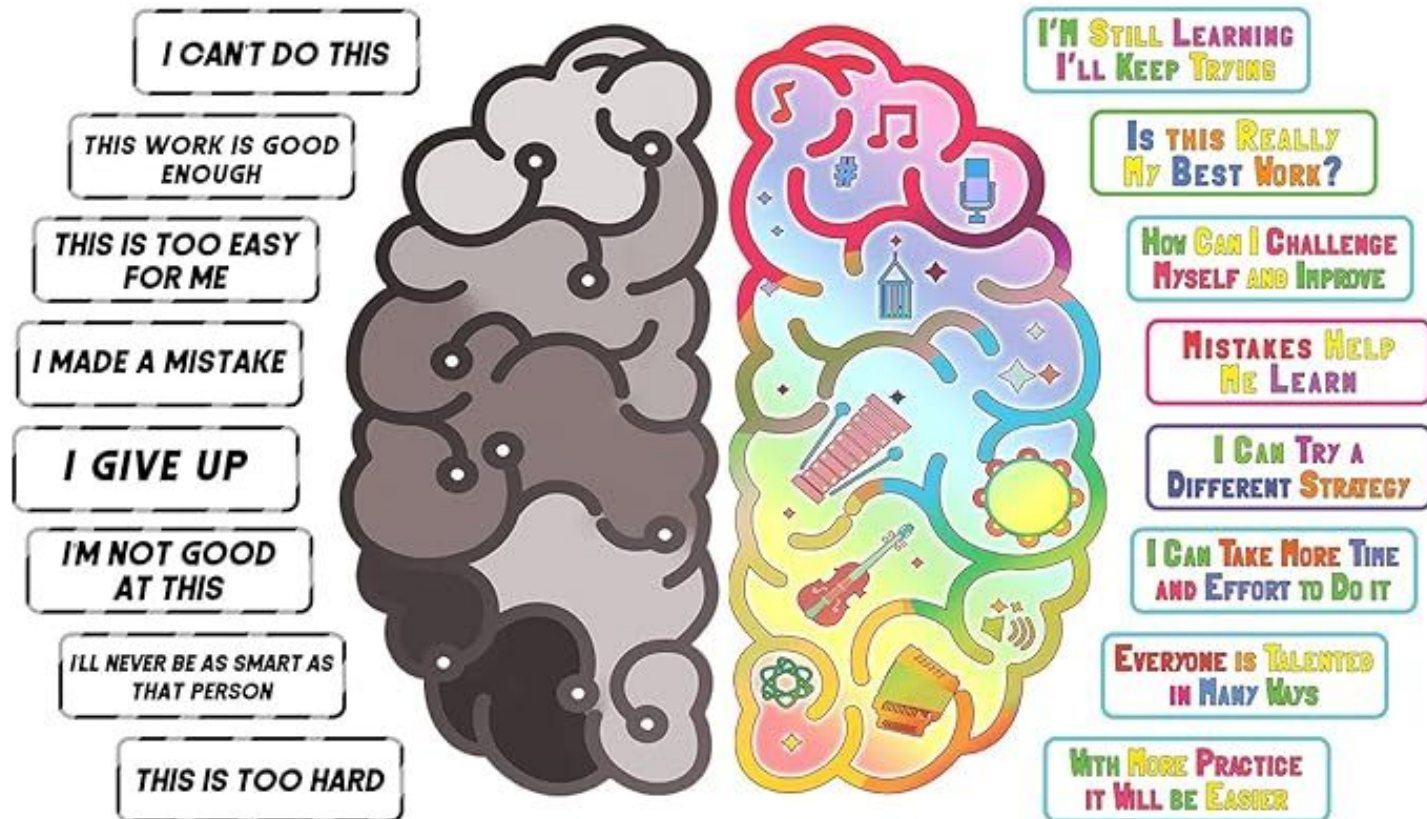
Power of Praise - Praising effort and process can enhance a growth mindset (belief that intelligence can be developed).

"I can see how hard you worked on that assignment" or "That's a great improvement"

Partner with the school - Reach out early to class teacher/ tutor/ Head of Dept
"What's the one thing we should focus on at home to help x in your subject"



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Two minute Takeaway

Routine



Effort



Partnership



In Summary...

- Control the digital distraction
- Establish the routine
- Praise the effort
- Get in touch



Parents' Evening and Academic Reports:

Parents' Evening - WC 24th April 2026

Autumn Term - WC 10th November 2025

Spring Term - WC 2nd February 2026

Summer Term - WC 6th July 2026

Other helpful links

[Term Dates](#)

[Curriculum Maps](#)

Any questions?

