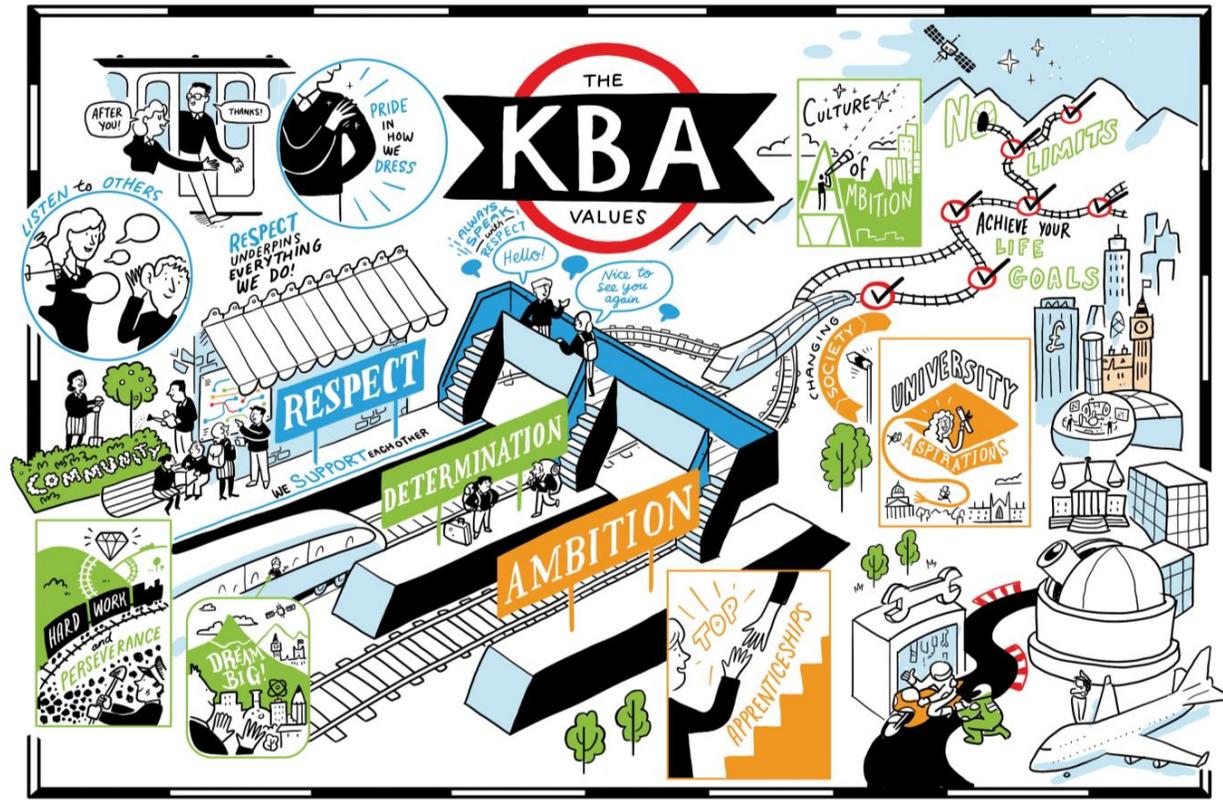
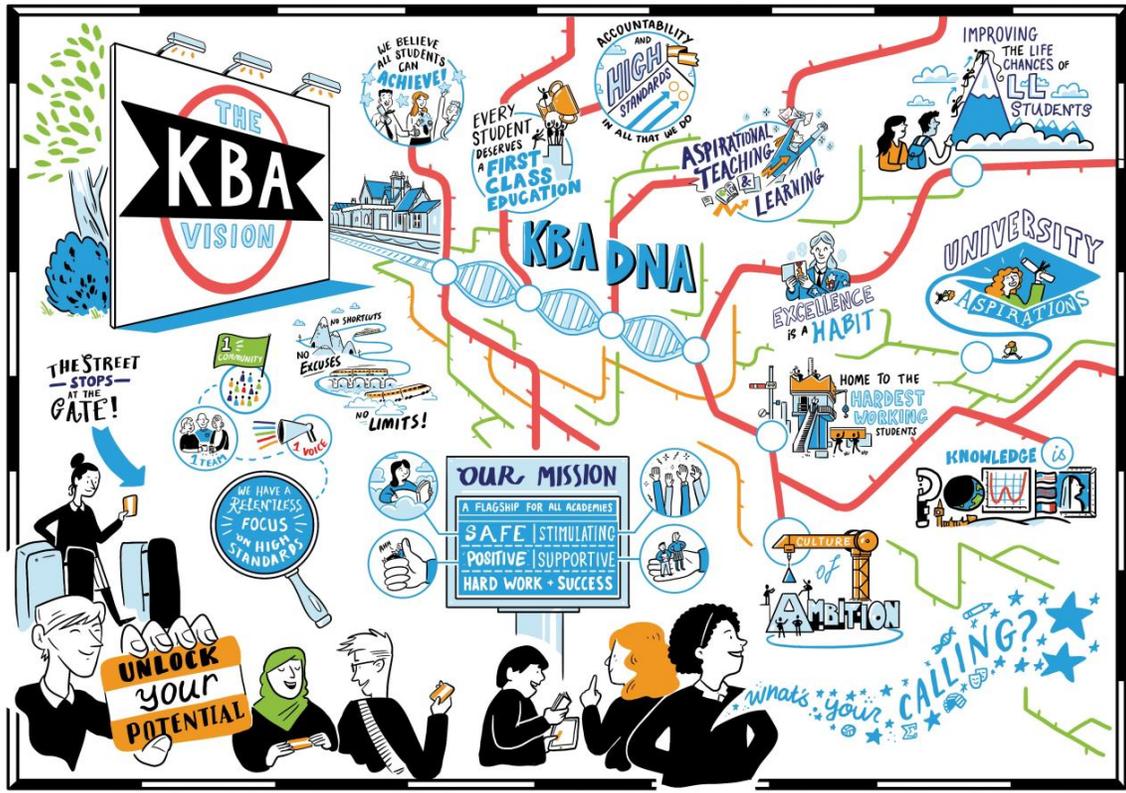


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Welcome to Transition Evening



Year 7 Transition Evening

Dino Di Salvo Principal



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"The school is **inclusive**."

"Pupils **achieve well** at this **popular** and **thriving** school."

"Pupils, including children in the early years, benefit from a **vibrant learning environment**."

"Relationships are **positive**."

"Staff **morale** is high."

"Leaders are highly **ambitious** for pupils and staff."

"Pupils understand how to **conduct themselves respectfully**."

"Pupils are **well cared for**. They **feel safe** and **attend well**."

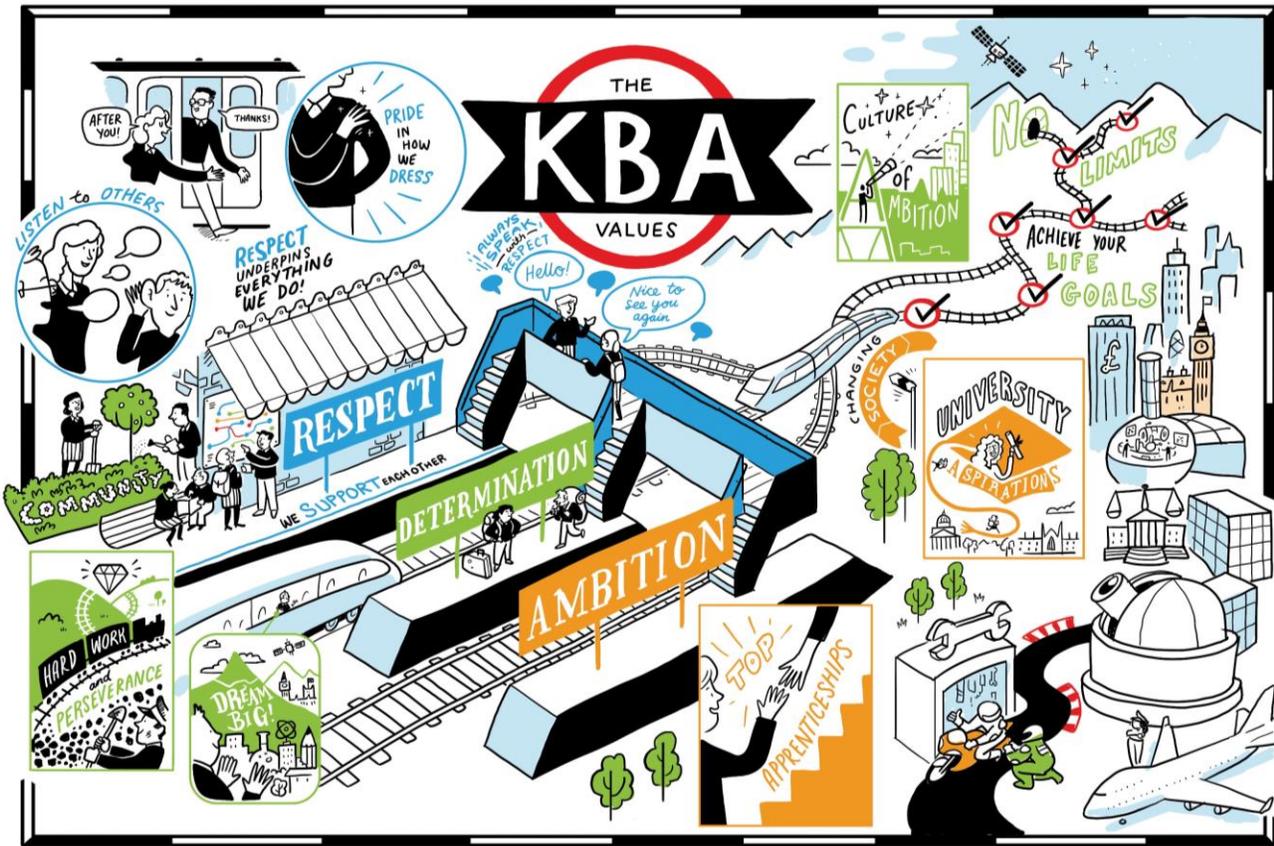
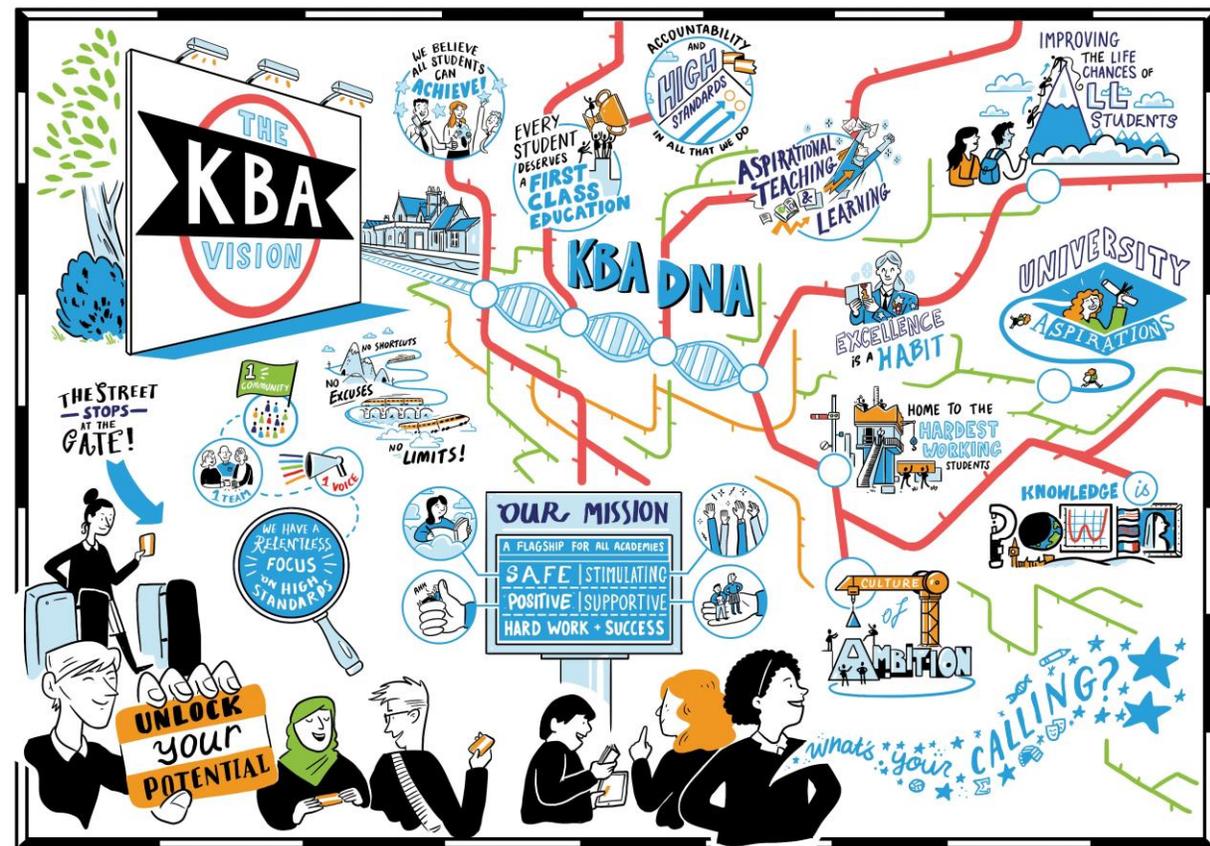


Ofsted
Good School

The logo features three stylized human figures in yellow above the text 'Ofsted Good School' in white on a dark blue background. A yellow curved shape is on the right side of the logo.

with **OUTSTANDING** Leadership and Management, **OUTSTANDING** Sixth Form Provision and **OUTSTANDING** Personal Development

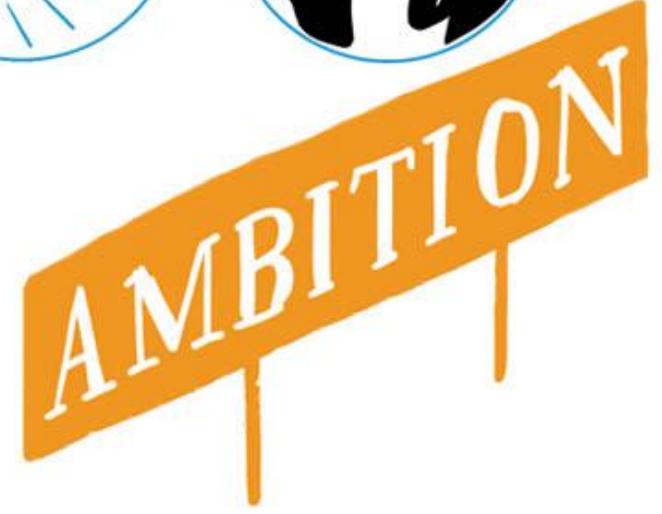
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WE DO!



Phil Henton : Vice Principal

Core Values



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Disruption Free Learning



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Any student who disrupts learning will be **moved** within the classroom. Their name will be written on the **MOVE** board.

A student who disrupts learning again will be **REMOVED** and will be collected by a member of senior staff and escorted to Reflection.

Parents/carers will always be contacted when a student is removed from a lesson.

- Students who are **REMOVED** will remain in Reflection until the same lesson the next day and until an hour after their scheduled finish time on the day of their removal
- Students who are placed in Reflection must hand over their mobile phone on entry

Mobile Phones



Mobile phones are banned from being used at any point on the academy's site, whether indoors or outdoors.

We operate a ***'See it, Hear it, Lose it'*** policy with regard to mobile phones. This simply means that a mobile phone will be confiscated if it is seen or heard on the academy's grounds.

This policy applies to all students in Years 7 to 11.

Uniform

We expect all students to show **RESPECT** for our uniform.

Make sure your child is correctly dressed every day. More information about uniform expectations will be given later in this presentation.



Correct PE kit can be worn on days when you have PE on your timetable.

If your child is out of uniform and there is a genuine reason, please let us know so that we can issue a uniform pass.

Attendance

We expect every student to aim for a minimum of 96% attendance in a school year.



95%
attendance

90%
attendance

Concerning Level Of Absence



CONCERNING

Poor attendance makes it harder to progress and limits opportunities for success

85%
attendance

80%
attendance

Serious Concerns



SERIOUS CONCERN

Very poor attendance seriously impacts on education and reduces life chances !

Punctuality

We expect every student to be seated in their tutor room at **8:30am**.

Students who arrive at their tutor room after 8:30am will receive a late detention.

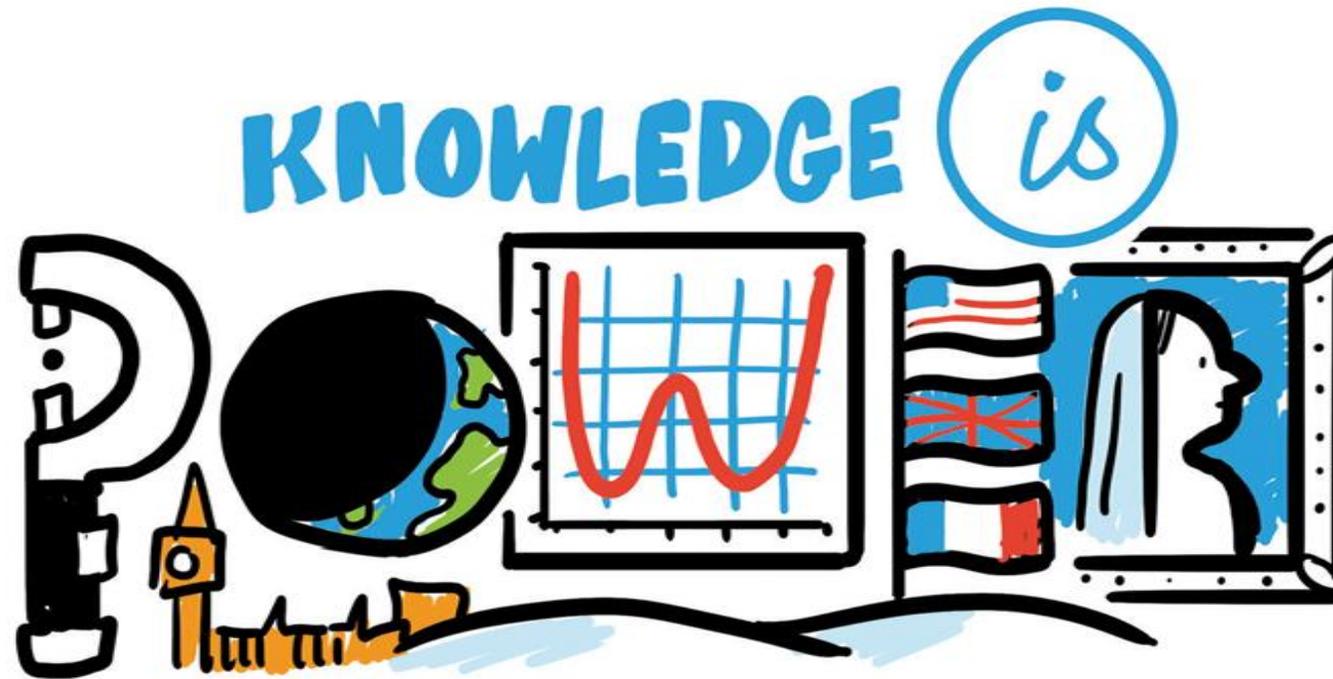
Better late
than never
**But never late
is better**



Timings Of The Day

Time	Period
8.25am – 9.00am	Registration
9.00am – 9.50am	Lesson 1
9.50am – 10.40am	Lesson 2
10.40am – 11.00am	Break
11.00am – 11.50am	Lesson 3
11.50am – 12.40pm	Lesson 4
12.40pm – 1.20pm	Lunch
1.20pm – 2.10pm	Lesson 5
2.10pm – 3.00pm	Lesson 6
3.00pm – 3.50pm	Lesson 7 (Tuesday only)

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Sean Cowley: Deputy Principal

1:1 Devices to support Learning

Improved digital literacy is a whole school strategy to capitalise on the positive outcomes of online delivery in the past 12 months, helping students to develop future skills and bringing transformative approaches to teaching and learning.



Each student will be provided with a Chromebook for use in school and at home at some point in the first week of school.

Assessment and Academic Performance

- During Year 7 students' first 6 days (from Monday 4th September) they will have the following assessments:
 - **MidYis (Cognitive Ability) Tests**
 - **NGRT and NGST (Reading and Spelling Tests)**
- In the September, students will be tested in the following subjects:
 - **English**
 - **Mathematics**
- Year 7 students will initially be set in English, Maths and Science using the KS2 Reading and Maths scaled scores.
- Our internal assessments will allow us to baseline the students accurately and will allow us to modify the teaching sets English, mathematics and science from **Monday 25th September**.

Important Dates

Monday 4th September 2023

- Year 7 Tutor Evening (Virtual)

Friday 22nd September 2023

- Baseline testing report and NEW timetable including reorganised sets

Monday 8th January 2024

- Mid-year testing in all subjects

Wednesday 13th February 2024

- Year 7 mid-year report

Thursday 28th March 2024

- Year 7 Academic Parents' Evening



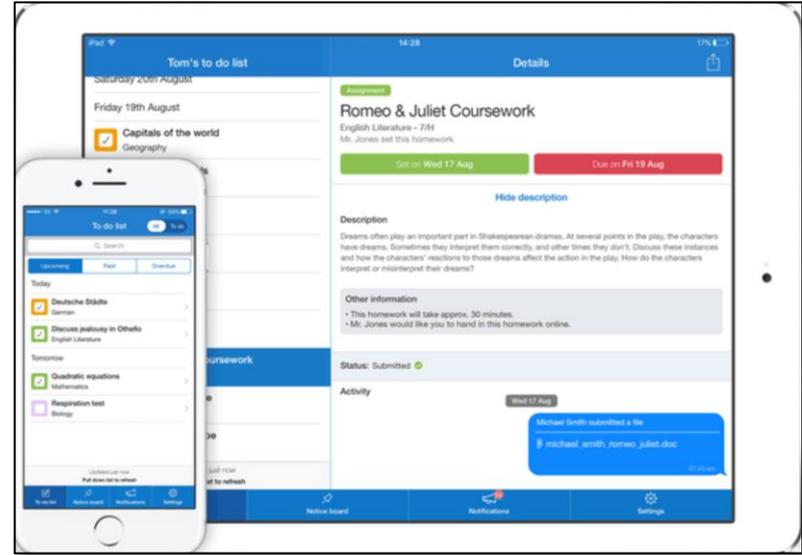
Homework

All homework is recorded on **Satchel:One (Show My Homework)**



- Homework is expected to be completed whenever set.
- Please take an active interest in your child's homework. As a parent you have a role to play in ensuring that students recognize the value in working independently at home – this will help to unlock their true potential.
- Failure to complete homework will result in a 50 minute same day detention.

Homework



- EVERY student has their own individual homework login that can be accessed on an APP.
- Up to 2 parents/carers can view the homework of every child in their family through an APP or online.

Accelerated Reader

All students in Year 7 take part in the *Accelerated Reader* programme.

The programme is designed to **improve reading ages** and comprehension skills. Most importantly, the programme is designed to foster a passion for reading.

All students read books appropriate to their current reading age. KBA library is full of *Accelerated Reader* books.

Every Year 7 student is allocated 20 minutes **DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)** time during the school day. Students are also expected to read for at least 20 minutes independently or to a parent/guardian.

Once students have completed reading a book, they must then take the **AR** quiz that accompanies the book. This is a comprehension style quiz and the score they achieve moves them closer to their target.

Students are assessed every term to monitor their reading progress.



Bedrock

Bedrock Vocabulary is an online programme that teaches young people the **academic words** they need to succeed at school and beyond, while encouraging reading, boosting literacy, and improving learning outcomes across the curriculum.

Bedrock is **self marking** and **adapts to each learner**, making it easy for your child to use **independently**. However, you're a very important part of our community – research shows that when parents or guardians are engaged with their child's learning, they make more progress.

Bedrock enables you to **track their progress** and see which words they're learning, giving you the opportunity to use them in family conversations.

Bedrock will send you an **email each week** with information on your child's learning and progress. You can log into your **parent dashboard** at any time to see which words your child is learning and how they're getting on.



Seneca

What is it?

- An online study platform
- Learns strengths and weaknesses
- HW assignments
- Independent study
- Revision and specific Exam Prep

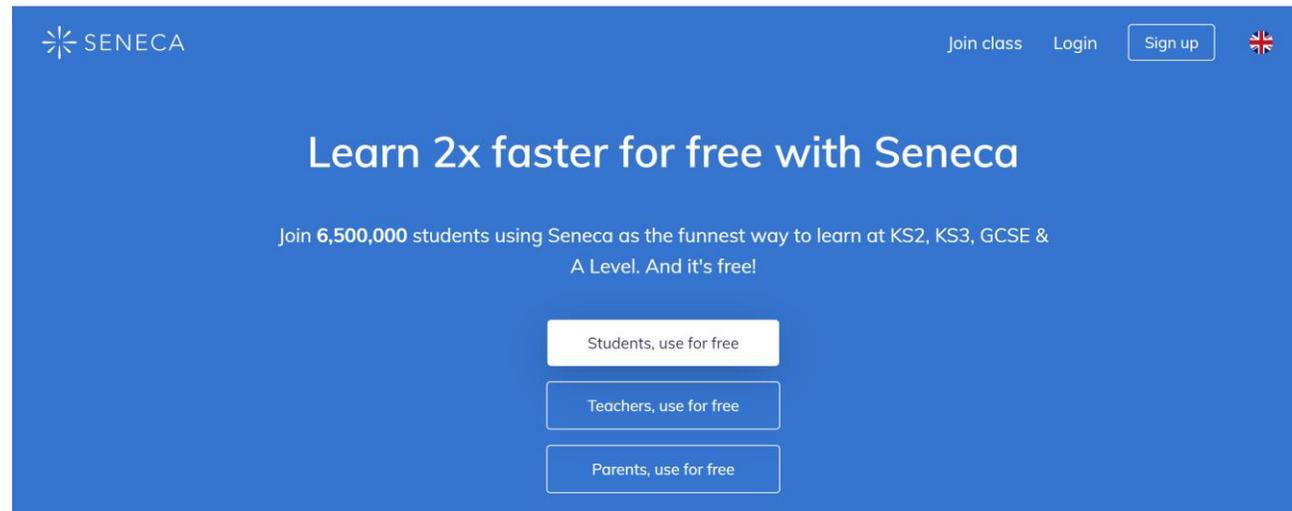


New year 7 students logging in for the first time should use:

- School email address
- The generic password (all lowercase): **seneca2020**
- The password can then be changed to something memorable

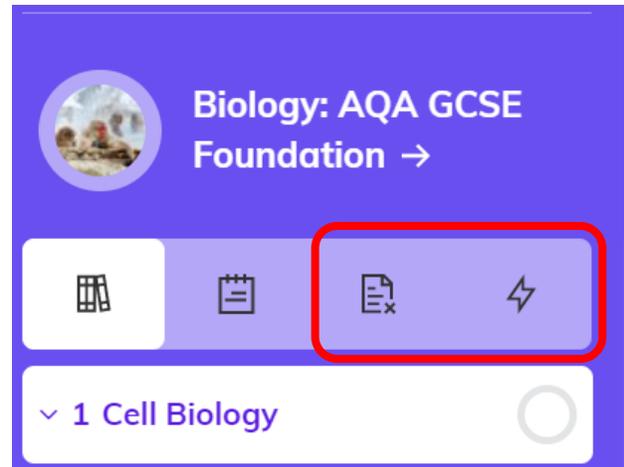
How can parents get involved?

- Go to <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- Create your own account using the email address you have given us (the one we have on our Arbor system for you)
- Your account is automatically linked with your child's account

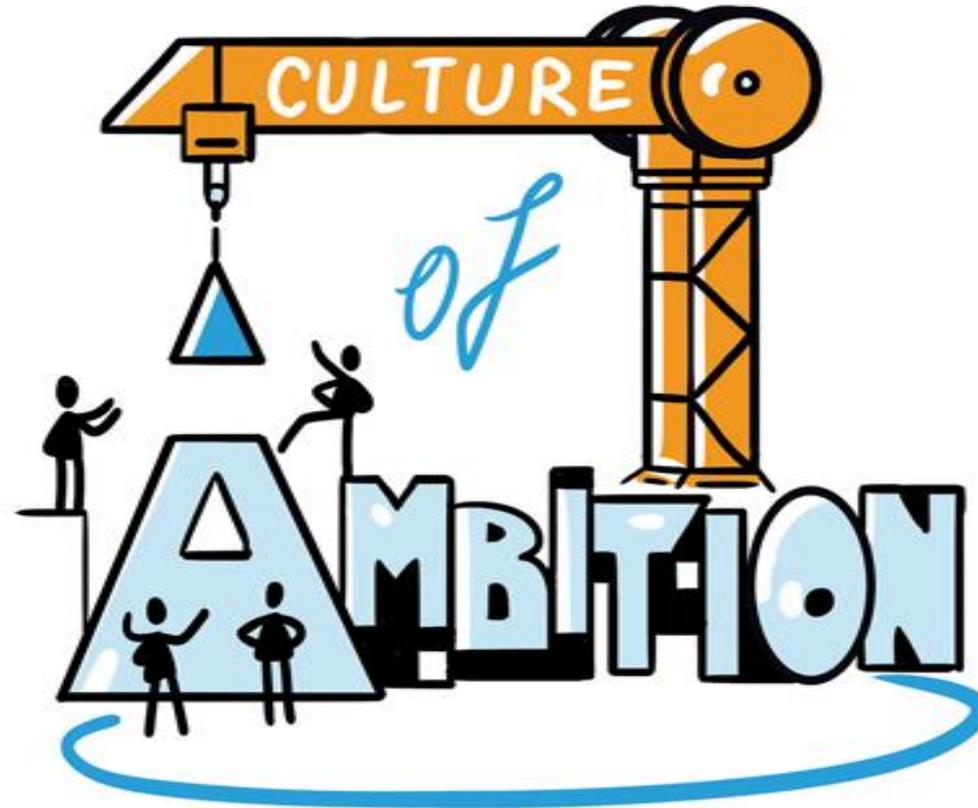


What are the benefits?

- As a United Learning school, we have access to **premium content**
- Seneca uses AI technology to learn a student's weaker areas, more questions on these topics are presented to students
- Exam style longer answer questions
- Students can use the platform as much as they like



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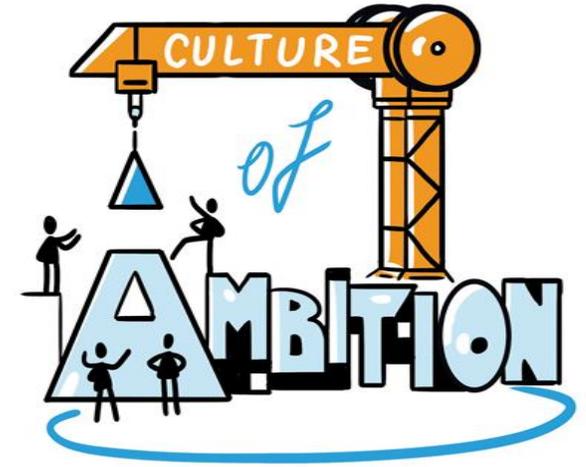
Iain Holmes : Vice Principal



Curriculum

In Year 7 students will have 31 lessons per week. They will study:

- English and Maths – 5 lessons
- Science – 4 lessons
- Geography, History, MFL – 3 lessons
- PE – 3 lessons*
- Music, Art, Design Technology, Drama, RE – 1 lesson
- National RSE curriculum in form time



During form time students will access our ICT and Computing curriculum and some students may do extra Literacy or Numeracy lessons.

*Students will study Food Technology for 6 weeks as part of our curriculum offer linking Design Technology with sport and nutrition.

Arbor Application – Parent Portal

- Arbor Parent Portal provides parents with **live** information regarding **behaviour, attendance** and **academic performance**
- All **academic reports** issued for students are stored electronically and are accessible at any time via the Arbor Parent Portal.
- As all reports are shared with parents via the Arbor Parent Portal, it is important that we are provided with your **email address** in order to facilitate this.
- Parents with more than 1 child at the school can view **all** their children's information on Arbor Parent Portal at once
- Access via kettering-buccleuch.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index/
- App is available through **Apple Store** and **Google Play**

We're using  Arbor

Who are Arbor?

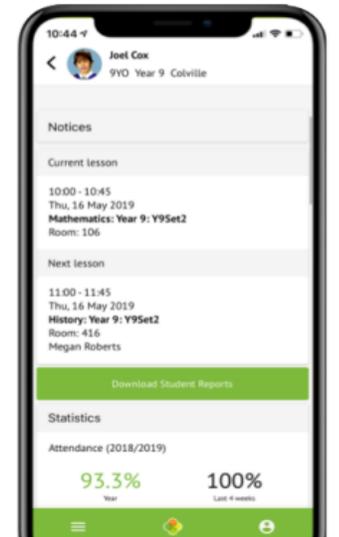
Your child's school has chosen Arbor as their MIS provider. An MIS is a system that helps schools collect, store, manage and use all the information they need. Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS, meaning the data isn't physically stored in school, making Arbor super secure as computer theft or damage at the school would not lead to data loss or a data breach. It also means you can log into Arbor to see and update your child's information or make payments and bookings yourself!

Arbor was founded in 2011 by a small group of people on a mission to create a simple, smart MIS system that would help schools learn from their data to save teachers time and ultimately improve student outcomes.

How can parents use Arbor?

Here's how you can use Arbor:

- Log into Parent Portal for Google Chrome on computers or laptops
- Download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store then log in on your phone (For Android 5.0 or iOS 10.0 and upwards)
- Your school can then send you In-app messages. Your school can also send you emails, letters or SMS from their Arbor system.



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Caroline Hawthorn : Pastoral Manager



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Uniform

We know that many parents have been asking questions about the ordering of uniform. Please ensure that you have bought the following items from Karl Sports ready for the first day of term:

- Black shoes – polishable
- White shirt – formal style with collar that can be buttoned up
- Black trousers – formal style
- School skirt – plain black skirts are not allowed
- KBA blazer
- KBA House tie
- KBA PE kit; t-shirt, hoodie and PE trousers/leggings, shorts/skort



School jumpers are optional. Please do not buy an alternative jumper or skirt as these will not be allowed.

Free School Meals

[Free school meals and pupil premium - Schools and education \(northamptonshire.gov.uk\)](http://northamptonshire.gov.uk)

Free school meals and pupil premium

North and West Northamptonshire Council have now replaced the county's eight previous councils. Please access services related to free school meals and pupil premium from the relevant authority.



North Northamptonshire Council

North Northamptonshire Council covers the following areas:

- Kettering
- Corby
- East Northants
- Wellingborough

[Apply for free school meals and pupil premium in North Northamptonshire.](#)



West Northamptonshire Council

West Northamptonshire Council covers the following areas:

- Daventry
- Northampton
- South Northants

[Apply for free school meals and pupil premium in West Northamptonshire.](#)

ScoPay

We are a cashless academy.

Lunch and breaktime food purchases are paid for using biometric technology.

All monies are paid using the **Scopay** platform. (Sibling accounts can be linked through one log on.)

Further information will be sent to you in September from our Finance Team.

Please call school to speak with Ros Seville / Natalie Pridmore for further information.



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Nikki Thompson : Head of Year 7



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September Arrangements

Your child's first day as a KBA Secondary student will be **Tuesday 5th September**.

Year 7 students should come in full school uniform as they **do not have PE** on this day.

All students enter the building through **Student Reception** and will head straight into the theatre. Form tutors will meet students there.

Please ensure that your child arrives **no earlier than 8:10am** and **no later than 8:20am**.



September Arrangements

Tutor Group	Tutor	Tutor Room
7B1	Loris Gorst	N102
7B2	Josephine Sams	N103
7G1	James Politano	N104
7G2	Kay Tracey	N104
7P1	Olivia Bonner	N106
7P2	Victoria Roberts	N109
7V1	Tom Brooker	N110
7V2	Louise Lovell	N111

September Arrangements

All students should arrive at school fully prepared for learning to begin.

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate school bag as well as a pencil case with the following items: black pen (ballpoint), pencil, ruler, eraser, protractor and scientific calculator.

Students can choose to bring coloured pens or pencils but please be aware that the following items are banned: permanent markers and correction fluid.

Students in Year 7 will be issued their Chrome Books during the first week of term.



