





## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

13:30	Headteacher overview	Graham
13:45	Quality of Education	Danielle
14:00	Behaviour & Attitudes	Sam G
14:15	Personal Development	Sam M
14:30	Macmillan coffee afternoon	Kitchen until 3pm

There will be an opportunity for further questions at 2:30 following the presentations.

Please contact the office for any follow-up enquiries after this.

#### **Headteacher overview**



Admissions	Independent     School Standards     Ofsted     Department for     Education	Strategic development plan	Staffing: Cover arrangements Meeting students needs
Lead Designated safeguarding officer	Person centred annual reviews (PCARs)	Develop links to other schools / providers	Professional development:  Appraisals Training request
Policy overview and updates	Curriculum, assessment and teaching	Suspensions and Exclusions	Staffing structure

Termly reporting to the proprietors and advisory board

## Mental Health first aider and therapy

Blue Skies School treats the mental health and wellbeing of all our stakeholders with the utmost importance. There maybe times in our lives that we all need a little positivity, re-energising or someone to talk with.

It is also important to develop a pattern of positive behaviours; such as hobbies and social interaction this gives us purpose and something to look forward to!

We are also very fortunate to have our own Psychotherapist, **Maggie**, who is in School three days a week for students and staff.

Hayley, our Wellbeing Lead and mental health first aider is onsite daily and works closely with Maggie to meet students needs.



## Form times

Monday	Assembly - form point totals and upcoming events / notices
Tuesday	Religious Education (overview on current cultural festivals)
Wednesday	SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural Development)
Thursday	Careers
Friday	<ul> <li>Enrichment activity plans</li> <li>Student of the week</li> <li>Upcoming events</li> </ul>



## Form times



Contact books...

#### Please do

- Share any changes to routines i.e.
   sleeping, eating and medication changes
- Sign staff comments so that we know they have been seen
- Include any celebrations and successes outside of the school environment
- Encourage contact books to be taken in daily

# Cooking & Lunchtimes arrangements





#### Food arrangements

#### Friday lunches - £3

- Provide money before the day, or pay for several weeks in advance
- Pupils cannot order on the day, as shopping is completed on Thursday

### Cooking lessons - £2.50 weekly

Only pay if the food is taken home

# **Quality of Education**

September 2023

### Our Curriculum 2023-2024

#### Key Stage 3

- **★** English
- **★** Mathematics
- ★ Science
- **★** ICT
- ★ History
- ★ Life and Living Skills
- ★ Home Cooking Skills
- **★** PE
- ★ Talkabout for Teenages / RSE / Games (on rotation)
- **★** Haven
- **★** Upskilling

### Our Curriculum 2023-2024

#### Key Stage 4

- ★ English Language GCSE / ELC
- ★ Mathematics GCSE / ELC
- ★ Science Double Award GCSE / ELC
- ★ ICT Functional Skills
- ★ History ELC
- ★ Life and Living Skills
- ★ Home Cooking Skills BTEC
- **★** PE ELC
- ★ Talkabout for Teenages / RSE / Games (on rotation)
- **★** Haven
- ★ Upskilling

### Our Curriculum 2023 - 2024

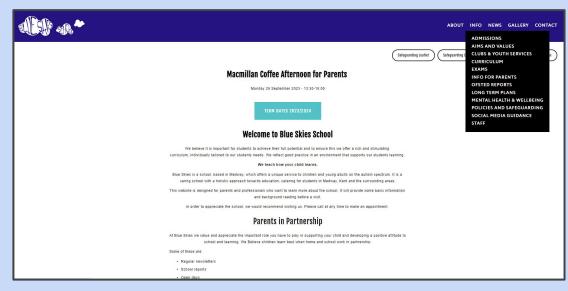
#### Key Stage 5

- ★ English Language GCSE Resit
- ★ Mathematics GCSE Resit / Functional Skills
- ★ Science Double Award GCSE Resit
- ★ History ELC
- ★ Life and Living Skills
- ★ Home Cooking Skills
- **★** PE ELC
- ★ Talkabout for Teenages / RSE / Games (on rotation)
- ★ Haven
- ★ Esports BTEC / Geography ELC

### Long Term Plans

Long Term Plans for all academic subjects are now available on the school website.

These will give you a brief overview of what the students will be covering each term for the academic year.



## Curriculum bubbles

English	Maths	Science	ICT
ELC - During Term 1 students will be looking at writer's meaning through their word choices. They will begin to explain why they think certain adjectives are used and will analyse layouts.  GCSE - During Term 1 we will be focusing on Section A of Paper 1. This includes analysing writer's meaning through their language and structual choices. The student will also be asked to infer and provide their own opinion.	ELC - This term we will begin the first ELC component: Properties of Number. We will learn about place value within whole numbers and will undertake calculations using mental arithmetic and a calculator.  GCSE - This term we will be introducing the first three GCSE topics; Number, Algebra and Presenting Data to enable students to have the foundation skills required as we build on these topics throught the academic year.	ELC - This term we will begin the first ELC component: The Human Body. This component covers what the body is made of, how it works, how it fights disease and how it is coordinated.  GCSE - This term we will begin the first Biology topic - Cell Biology. This topic explores how structural differences between types of cells enables them to perform specific functions within the organism.	This term in ICT we will be focusing on using ICT programmes effectively. Pupils will get the chance to use multiple Microsoft programmes and develop a basic understanding of functions and uses of certain programmes. These skills will be develoepd thourgh starting a bi-termly project and using the skills they have learnt effectively to devlop independant projects.
Haven			History
This term all students have a whole school target of settling back into school life. This term we will look at strategies for self-regulation and skills to help with anxiety during theis transition and settling period.	Stratus	Term 1 2023-2024	This term we will be focusing on the mystery of Jack the Ripper. The students will be asked to undertake a series of investigations in order to guess which of our suspects may have been the guilty criminal. We will be developing the following skills; researching, explaining, evaluating and discussing.
Upskilling	PE	Cooking	LLS
In Upskilling this term, we will focus on Sensory skills that include gross & fine motor activities and memory training activities. These activities play a significant role in nelping students in the classroom by promoting physical and cognitive development, enhancing learning readiness, develop strategies to support skills as following verbal instructions, copying from the board, mental math, maintain focus, how to deal with distractions and supporting various aspects of academic and social growth.	For PE this term we are going to look at skills required in team sports. Most of the skills developed will be in a closed setting with the chance to try these skills in a game related competitive environment. Some skills will be developed as an individual performer and others when acting as part of a team to succeed in sports.	This term we are covering safety and hygiene in the kitchen. The students will be cooking various recipes to develop skills making sure they are safe when using the oven and hob.	In LLS this term we are focusing on home managment skills. These will be in the form of food management and gardening. Food management includes finding, preparing and purchasing food whilst following specific recipes. Gardening will be accessed through visiting our new Blue Skies School allotment and learning key skills required to run a successful garden.

### Reports

- ★ Short reports will be sent home at the end of terms 1, 3, 5. These will include current working grades and target grades for the end of the year, as well as grades for self-regulation, engagement in learning and personal conduct in lessons
- ★ Long reports will be sent home in terms 2, 4 and 6 which will also include comments from the classroom lead for each subject and a comment from the form tutor
- ★ Term 6 reports will also include a Headteachers comment
- ★ Leavers will have long reports in Term 5 with a Headteachers comment instead of term 6

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## Attendance

100% 190 school days 0 school days off	98% 186 school days 4 school days off	96% 182 school days 8 school days off	90% 171 school days 19 school days off	84% 160 school days 30 school days off	80% 152 school days 38 school days off	74% 140 school days 50 school days off			
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# Behaviour and Attitudes

September 2023

# 1 Golden Rules

**Be Ready** 

Be Safe

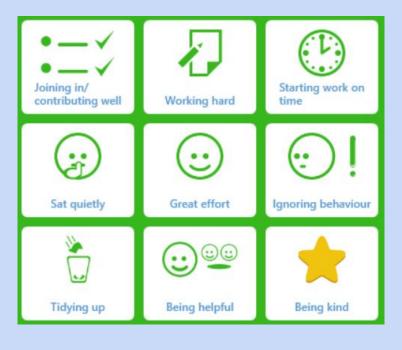
**Be Respectful** 

## 2 Rewards

Ways to get rewards in school **Trackit Lights - Green** Form Point Folders -**Behaviours Meeting set Target Individual rewards:** Whole Class rewards Upto £5 in value

Certificate Name	Points threshold
Bronze	100
Bronze +	200
Silver Reward	300
Silver +	400
Gold Reward	500
Gold +	600
Platinum	700
Platinum +	800
Diamond	900
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## Form target folders

Three targets per pupil

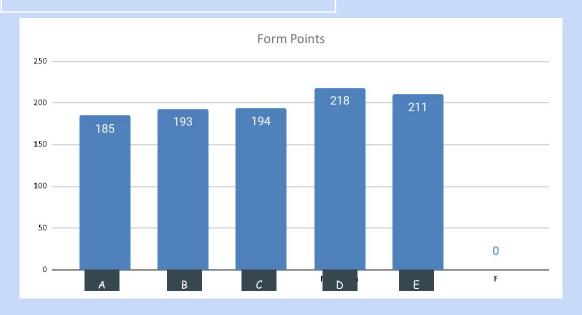
Work based target - *To improve academics* 

School target 
To meet school directives

Behaviour based target To create a more enriched
school environment

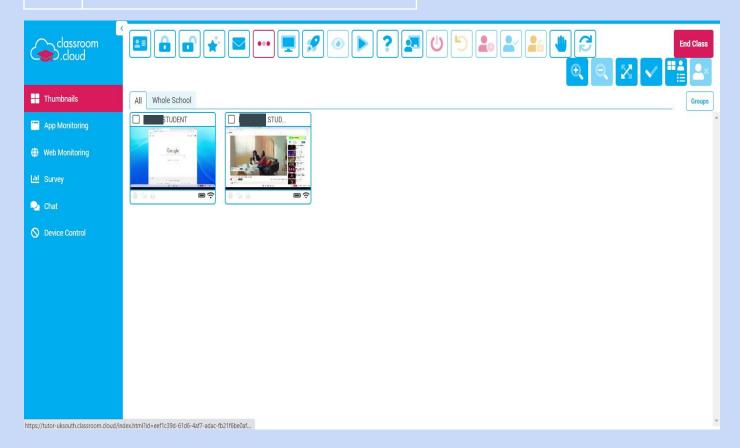
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## 4 Form target folders



Scores are updated every week:
You need 100 points per pupil in the class
Alto = every 700 points
Stratus = every 700 points
Cumulus = every 300 points

# 5 Classroom Cloud



# Personal Development

September 2023

### **Careers**



- Trips to career fairs
- Trips to colleges and universities
- A career theme during Thursday form time
- Career focused meetings with the students twice a year

### Careers



Work experience organised with Medway **Education Business** Partnership (MEBP)

to discuss their career paths with our students Name: Zac Hatcher Chris Fisher Date of visit: Tuesday 5th October Room 1 at 1:10 Occupation: Tree Surgeon and business owner of Senior Operations and Maintenance Technician (Mechanical bias) Will be here talking about his career and his journey

Room 1 from 1:45 until 2:15

Professionals coming in

## **Student Council**



## **Relationships and Sex Education**









### Relationships and Sex Education





#### Physical health and mental wellbeing

- Menstruation
- Keeping yourself healthy (mentally and physically)
- Online safety

#### Relationships and sex education

- Law
- Relationships; friends, family, romantic, with self.
- Safe sex
- LGBTQ+

