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Welcome to our **Year 8** **Information Evening**

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Year 8 Information Evening



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Aims

- To give you an insight into the expectations we have of students.
- To point you in the right direction of help and support that is available to you as a parent/carer
- To inform you of the support on offer within school and opportunities for communication

Year 8 Vision



Year 8 Vision & Values



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Ultimate aim: To ensure all students achieve Excellent or Good in all their Attitude to Learning Scores

- Year 8 are identified as **compassionate, respectful** and **resilient** members of the school community
- All students feel confident in taking **responsibility** for their studies
- Good communication between all three stakeholders - PARENTS/CARERS, STUDENTS and SCHOOL

My Personal Best

Students are self-motivated and take **responsibility** for their own learning.

Students show a **readiness** to learn and participate in the school day and school life. Students are punctual, polite and want to succeed.

Students are **resilient**, independent learners and to develop their organisational & time management skills.

Students demonstrate **resourcefulness** in order to overcome challenges and persevere when learning becomes more challenging.

Students **respect** the school environment, their peers and the wider school community

Students are **reflective** of their learning and actions and actively seek help and support when it is required.

Curriculum changes



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Year 8 are taught in form groups for most of their subjects

Core PE for all students; set, as previously, dependent on skills displayed.

RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education)

One lesson every 2 weeks (with form tutor and follow up in another tutor session).


Covers topics such as; mental health, emotional well-being, drugs and alcohol, relationships and social media.

Maths – mixed up but mixed ability

Design and Technology – 3 forms in each House mixed up and split into 4 classes for each rotation.

Learning Ladders


For information on the learning journey of your child(ren) please see our new Learning Ladders on the school website. These are available under the "curriculum" tab


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Departments A-Z


**Ancient History**


**Art & Design**


**Business**


**Citizenship, PSHE & Politics**


**Computer Science**


**Design & Technology**


**Drama**


**English**


**French**


**Geography**


**History**


**Law**


**Mathematics**


**Media Studies**

**Music**

**Physical Education**

**Religious Education**

**Science**

**Special Educational Needs**

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Geography Department

ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Geography is the study of the Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments. Stated simply, it is about the world in which we live. Geography builds many of the physical concepts studied in science and investigates the impact of these on the world's people.

Geography links this understanding of human and physical processes to places and regions - recognising the big differences in cultures, economies and environments across the world. Understanding the causes of differences and inequalities between places and people are a key part of modern geography.

Geography provides an ideal framework for relating other subject areas. It is not surprising that those trained as geographers are often involved in global decision-making, such as politics or working to manage the challenges of climate change and sustainable development.

Adapted from the Royal Geographical Society



Geography at Great Marlow School

Learning Ladders

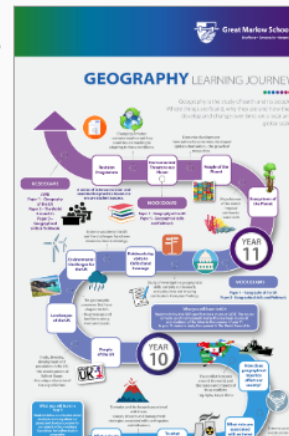
Key Stage 3 Geography

Key Stage 4 Geography

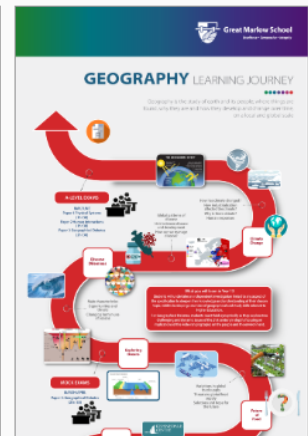
Key Stage 5 Geography

Career Options in Geography

GEOGRAPHY KS3 & KS4



GEOGRAPHY KS5



Homework Setting





Planners

Students to note ALL homework and deadlines in their planners when set. Please sign planners weekly! Tutors check.

Microsoft Teams

Staff to post homework assignment details on MS Teams – calendar

Parents

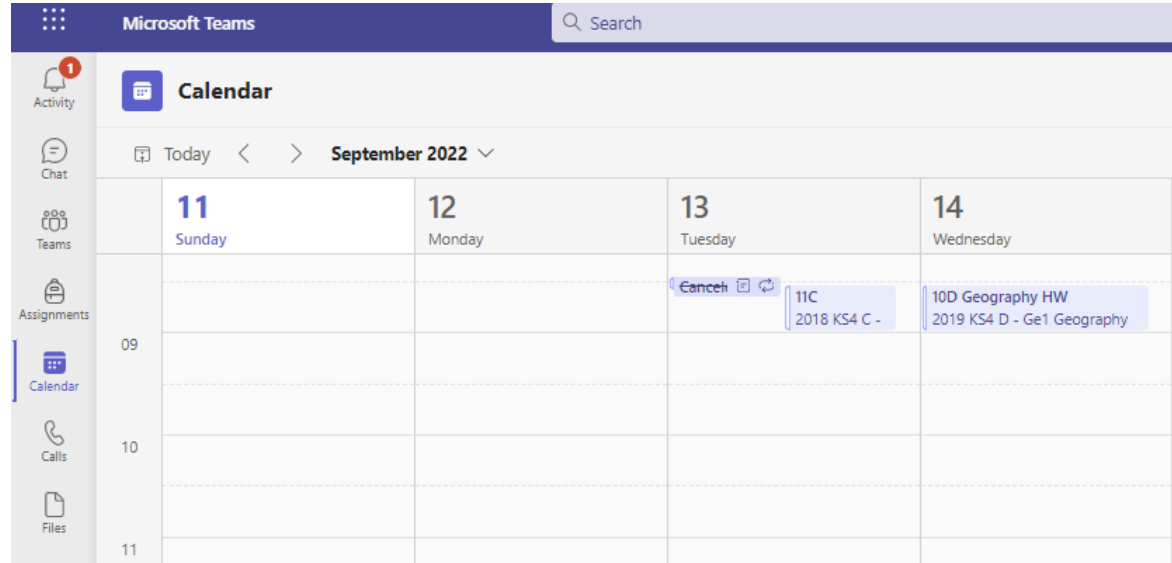
Encourage completion of homework to the best of the student's ability

Microsoft Teams



What is Microsoft Teams?

- It is used for the setting of assignments and the marking of work
- Calendar function provides useful overview of when homework is due in



Support for students



Year 8 Student Support



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Mrs Pendlebury

Director of Learning Year 8

Located in the KS3 Office (bottom of S block)

Mrs Flannery

Year 8 Student Support Officer

Continued strong relationship with cohort
Consistent support given

Consistent communication home

Year 8 Tutor Team



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8K1 – Miss Boddy

8K2 – Mr Day

8K3 – Mr Bradley

8H1 – Mr Higgins

8H2 – Mrs Griffiths

8H3 – Mrs Dallas

8E1 – Mrs Joseph Stewart and Mrs Burge

8E2 – Mrs Beswick

8E3 – Mrs Babes and Mr Osborne

**Tutors are the first
point of contact**

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Key Staff Members



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Neil Maguire

Designated Safeguarding
Lead (DSL)



Karen Craig

Deputy DSL



Anna Gifford

Safeguarding Officer



Kevin Ford

Safeguarding
Headteacher



Sheryl Paul

Safeguarding Officer



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Further Student Support



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Assistant Headteacher & Director of Inclusion (Special Educational Needs): Mrs V Todd

Attendance Officer: Mrs S Radnedge

Pupil Premium Coordinator: Mrs A Gifford

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Safeguarding and Wellbeing



- Online Safety – nationalonlinesafety.com
- Vaping – can contain harmful and potentially harmful substances, including:
 - Nicotine
 - Ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs
 - Flavourings such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to a serious lung disease
 - Volatile organic compounds
 - Cancer-causing chemicals
 - Heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead
- Mental Health - it is important to stay healthy

Bucks Mental Health Partnership



To help support the Mental Health of our young people, Great Marlow has teamed up with the Bucks Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

Workshop evenings

1. Promoting positive behaviours - Wednesday 11th October 6pm
2. Anxiety - Tuesday 5th December 6pm
3. Low mood - Wednesday 6th March 6pm
4. Self-harm - Tuesday 30th April 6pm







Details of how to sign up for the in person Parent Sessions delivered by MHST will follow in a separate, later correspondence

Tutor Time
8.30-9am













Year 8 – Tutor Time Plan – Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Uniform, equipment and planners check 	Uniform check 	Uniform check 	Uniform check Reading Project 	Uniform check  



Year 8 – Tutor Time Plan – Week 2

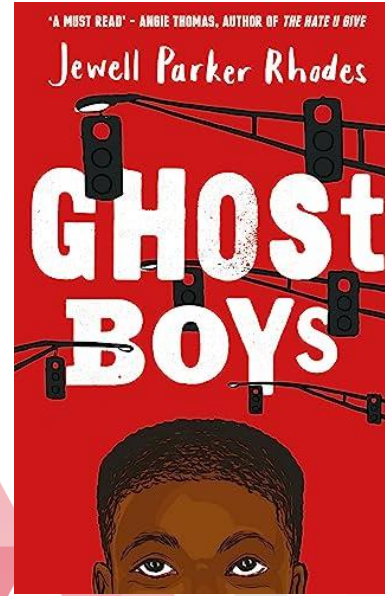
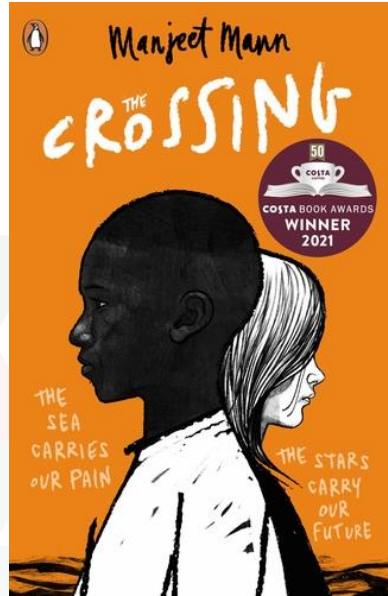
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GMS Reading Project



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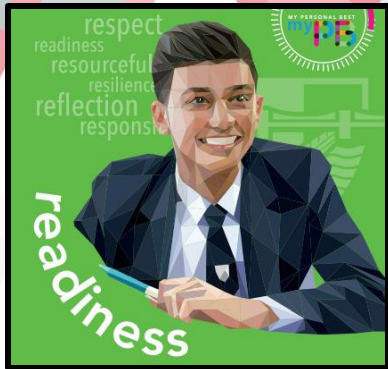


- Year 8 reading project books
- The reading project is all about exposure to a range of authors, genres and language
- A growing number of academic studies show that promoting reading can have a major impact on children and adults and their future

Uniform & Equipment Reminders



Uniform & Equipment



- **Hair** – No extreme styles or unnatural looking colours
- **Nails** – Nude colours only, no false/acrylic nails
- **Jewellery** – One simple ring, a single stud in each ear (each removed for PE) **NO HOOPS**
- **Skirts** – Not rolled at the waistband, logo clearly displayed
- **Shoes** – Smart and black, not trainers or trainer-style
- **Sports equipment** – in a bag, only used in designated areas at specified times.
- **Trousers** – not jeans
- **Jumpers** – Black V neck jumper, no branded sweatshirts or hoodies. Jumper is an additional layer – blazer must be worn
- **Blazers** – To be worn every day, COATS must be worn over the top if required
- **Tie** – worn every day

Essentials

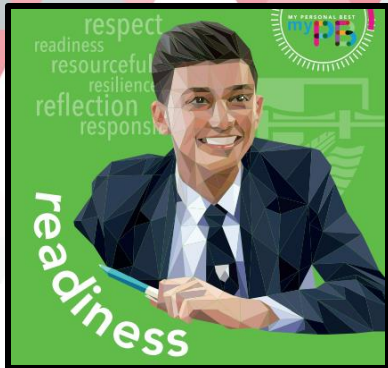
- ☐ Planner
- ☐ Pencil
- ☐ Pen x2
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Glue stick
- ☐ Calculator



A note from home is needed for any reason that you are unable to wear the appropriate uniform – this will then be considered by tutor/DoL

Attendance & lates

Every school day matters!



Good attendance and punctuality underpin everything that we do.

90% attendance means up to 4 hours learning missed every week plus homework and preparation for controlled assessments.



1. If you are late to school, there will be a sanction of a 15 minute break detention
2. If you fail to attend, you will have a 30 minute after school detention on the next Thursday
3. If you fail to attend, you will have a 1hr after school detention on the Friday

Be through the school gates by 8.25!! After 8.30am and students are marked late.

Important Dates



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School Google Calendar

Today: September 2023

Print Week Month Agenda

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 SUMMER HOLIDAYS AUGUST BANK HO	29	30	31	1 Sept	2	3
4	5 Catering Fingerprin START OF TERM Y7	6 ALL STUDENTS BA	7 School Health Adv Y10 Parent / Carer	8 Y13 Geography Residential: Cranedale; departure 6 am Fri	9	10
11 Y13 Geography R MIDAS minibus tra	12 MIDAS minibus tra Y9 Parent / Carer	13 MIDAS minibus tra Y8 Parent / Carer	14 Y11 Parent / Carer	15 Y7 Author Q&A Set	16	17
18	19 Y7 Parent / Carer	20 FoGMS AGM & Me Y9 Drama Trip; Gl	21 Jeans For Genes - School Health Adv Y6 Open Evening	22 Y11 Geography Trj	23	24
25 Y11 Drama GCSE	26 Y7 Sustainable Fas DEaR p3 Y6 Open Morning	27 School photos: Y7 An Evening with Je	28 Staff Fit Friday 3:4 Y10 RS Curriculum Y6 Open Morning	29	30	1 Oct

Events shown in time zone: United Kingdom Time

Google Calendar

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Progress Reviews



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Three reports throughout the year with the first set issued on 1st December

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Communication



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For pastoral support/first contact:

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8K3 Mr Bradley- abradley@gms.bucks.sch.uk

8H1 Mr Higgins – ahiggins@gms.bucks.sch.uk

8H2 Mrs Griffiths – cgriffiths@gms.bucks.sch.uk

8H3 Mrs Dallas - cdallas@gms.bucks.sch.uk

8E1 Mrs Joseph Stewart and Mrs Burge – jkjosephstewart@gms.bucks.sch.uk and cburge@gms.bucks.sch.uk

8E2 Mrs Beswick – jbeswick@gms.bucks.sch.uk

8E3 Mrs Babes - cbabes@gms.bucks.sch.uk

Director of Learning:

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SSO: aflannery@gms.bucks.sch.uk



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is a place where...



Posted on 31 Aug, 2022 in About GMS, Featured, General News

Autumn Term 2022

GMS welcomes all students back for the 2022 autumn term in September. Year 7, Year 10 and Year 12 return on Monday 5th September for registration at 8.35. All year groups are in school (Years 7-13) on Tuesday 6th September for registration at 8.35. Full school uniform with correct footwear is expected for all students in Years 7 to 11. Those in the Sixth Form must adhere to the Sixth Form dress...

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GCSE Information Evening ...



Mrs Webster, Director of Learning for Year 10, is inviting all Year 10 parents and carers to a GCSE Parent Information Evening on Thursday 8th September, from 6-6.45 pm in the main hall. The purpose of the evening is to give relevant and up to date information to about Year 10 so that support for students comes from home and school together. There will be an...

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Tanzania Charity



Here in GMS we support a charity that sponsors the schooling of children in Tanzania. We are delighted to hear that Martha, one of our children, is now in the first term of secondary school; in Tanzania there are two academic terms, commencing in January, so she is half way through her first year. She is doing quite well achieving Division III in her mid-term...

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Website

Keep up to date with GMS achievements and events on the Great Marlow School website.

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FoGMS



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We are very lucky to have the support of FoGMS as they raise funds to support the wider school community.

**Disco on 12
October 7-9pm**

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Our Roles



FoGMS invite all parents / carers to the first
FOGMS meeting & AGM of this school year
on Wednesday 20th September 2023 6:30pm
in room T4



Our Roles



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I Will...

- Reward students
- Support students
- Educate students
- Monitor progress
- Communicate openly
- Respond as soon as able

Form Tutors will...

- Be your first point of contact
- Utilise form time
- Celebrate successes
- Support progress
- Communicate effectively
- Work closely with DoL and SSO

You can...

- Monitor Progress
- Have open and honest conversations
- Monitor and support with homework
- Encourage good habits
- Discuss student experiences

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My commitment to you...



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- ✓ ***You are never bothering me.***
- ✓ *I will usually respond to communication within 24 hours*
- ✓ *You might not get the outcome you intended, but I will always provide one with the interests of the students at the forefront of my mind*

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Yr8 Parent / Carer Information Evening

