

Welcome to Thomas Deacon Academy

Year 9 Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 26th September

Mrs Jenny Brassington
Deputy Vice Principal -
Standards



Who am I and why am I here?

Mrs Brassington

Deputy Vice Prinicipal

My job to support students to meet or exceed their target grades.



Our values



The TDA Way

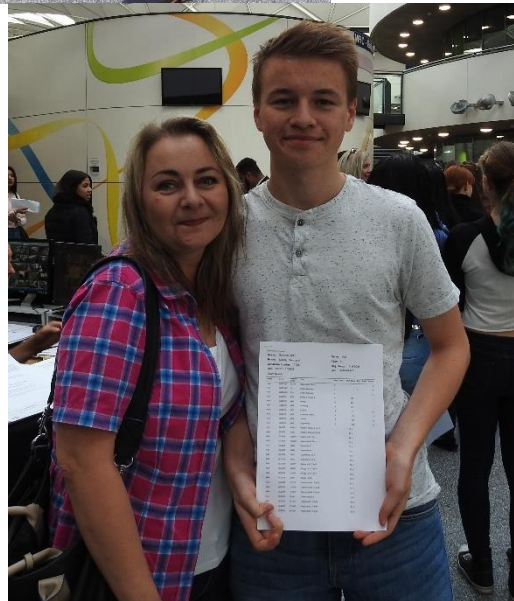


Our expectations

- Prepared for learning – bringing the correct equipment to every lesson (pen, pencil, ruler)
- Prepared for learning with homework completed.
- Punctual – arriving at school and at every lesson on time and not missing deadlines.
- Performing to the best of our ability and being the best we can be.
- Pride in my school – wearing the correct uniform at all times.



What success might look like...



Achievement – GCSEs have changed

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Grading new GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5	B
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

No longer grades – numbers from 1-9

9 is the top grade



Achievement – being successful

- All students will have a TARGET level for Year 9.
- This is based on their KS2 SATs results AND what progress we would expect them to make in their GCSEs.
- GCSEs are now graded from 1-9 (numbers not letters) and 9 is the TOP grade.
- From these two pieces of information, each year they will have a target – meet every year's target and you will reach your GCSE potential higher than last year and will range from grade 2 up to grade 5.
- All students in Year 9 need to know their target and do their very best to achieve that in all of their work.



Achievement

- In all subjects students will have regular tests and regular homework.
- They will have Checkpoint reports three times this year.
- These will help you to see how your child is performing relative to their target grade.
- The progress will be monitored and children supported to meet their target grade.
- Miss White (Year 9 Achievement Coordinator) will be looking at report data and be putting in place support and intervention if necessary.



Achievement – key dates

- Tuesday 17th October – Parent-Tutor Evening
- Wednesday 22nd November – Checkpoint 1 reports available
- Thursday 23rd November – Parent-Teacher
- Tuesday 9th January – Pathways Evening
- Friday 16th March - Checkpoint 2 reports available
- w.c. 30th April - Year 9 examinations – core subjects.
 - Maths examination (Sports Hall)
 - English examination (Sports Hall)
 - Science examination (Sports Hall)
- Friday 6th July - Checkpoint 3 reports available
- Tuesday 10th July- Raising achievement evening



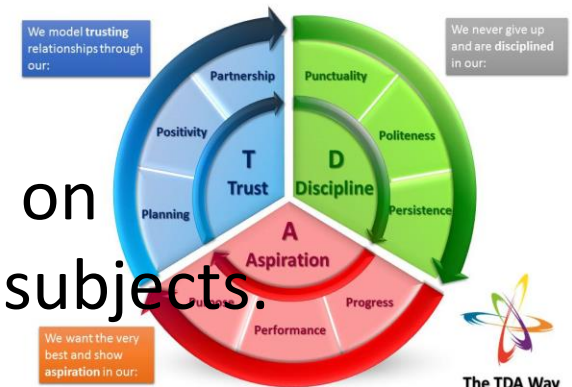
Pathways– Year 9

In year 9 students make their pathways choices for their GCSEs.

Mrs Fehrenbach will be holding a series of assemblies from half-term onwards to explain the pathways process and introduce the option subjects.

There is a Pathways Evening for parents and students on Tuesday 9th January and following this the process of choosing GCSE subjects will take place.

Pathway options will be determined based on
The progress that they are making in their subjects.



Exams this year – Year 9

The Year 9 examinations will take place at the beginning of May.

They will have exams in English, Mathematics and Science and will be held in the sports hall.

If students want to know what is in the examinations, they need to ask their class teachers, but assume that it is everything covered this year.



How can I help my child?

HOMework

In Year 9 students will receive approximately 30 minutes per week homework in Maths, English and Science and 30 minutes per fortnight from all other subjects.

This can all be checked on Show My Homework.

Is it possible to provide them with a quiet area to work – no TV?

Encourage students to put away all electronic devices. (Some homework might need IT but some, especially revision will need to be done on paper.)

How can I help my child?

HOMework



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English and Maths

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Mr Roger
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