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- Tonight's
   presentation
   will be shared
   with all Year 9
   parents later
   this week.
- Do not worry if you miss a slide or need a recap as you will be able to do this when it is sent out.



### Meet the team Year 9



Mr R Hoyte Head of KS3/Senior Leadership Team





**Mr T Snare** Head of Year 9



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### You might have noticed in the news...



Schools which ban mobile phones get better GCSE grades, study finds

Secondary schools which impose an effective ban on smartphones are also twice as likely to be rated outstanding by Ofsted as the national average, the report says.

# Ministers confirm plan to ban use of mobile phones in schools in England

Teaching unions say guidance includes practices already adopted and most schools already have policies in place

Press release

Mobile phone use to be banned in schools in England

Mobile phone use to be banned during the school day, including at break times, new guidance recommends.



**House of Commons** 

**Education Committee** 

# Screen time: impacts on education and wellbeing

Fourth Report of Session 2023–24

Report, together with formal minutes relating to the report

Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed 23 May 2024

### The basic principles from Sept 2024:



Mobile phones and electronic devices are not allowed to be used or seen during the school day, this includes break and lunch times. "Off and Away".

Students must put away their mobile phones as soon as they enter the school grounds. This also applies to earphones/headphones and smart watches, as well as handheld gaming device/ tablets, these are classed as "Electronic Devices"

If a student is seen with an "Electronic Device" or uses them for any purpose during the school day, it will be confiscated on sight by a member of staff. The member of staff will deposit the phone at reception to be securely stored.



### The basic principles from Sept 2024:



First confiscation – Phone/device can be collected by the student at the end of the day from reception. The student will also receive a L1.

Second confiscation- (second instance during any half term) Phone/device can be collected at the end of the day from reception. The student will also receive a L2.

Third confiscation – (third instance during any half term) The phone/device will be taken to reception and a L3 set. Parents will be called to come in a collect the phone.



### Other details - from Sept 2024:



#### When can students use electronic devices/phones?

Students will be allowed to use their phones/electronic devices once Period 5 finishes and the member of staff has dismissed the class from the teaching room as students have finished their learning for the day.

#### How will students access their timetable/homework

Students will have a paper based timetable that they can keep in their blazer pocket, like their uniform card.

We are increasing the amount of computers in the library so students have the option to complete homework on these before school, break and lunch times. We also offer a homework club afterschool. Otherwise, students complete homework at home.

#### Other schools let students use mobile phones.

Secondary schools in Ashford have made changes based on the government guidelines and research. Other local schools have very similar sanctions/policies. Reports suggest the government will be making this rule statutory soon.

### **NKS Mission Statement**



At The Norton Knatchbull School we are proud of our history, tradition and achievements, at the same time as looking to the future for fresh challenges.

- We value each individual for whom they are and their ability to improve and grow.
- We share mutual respect based on care, integrity and trust.
- We are inspired by a passion for creative and demanding learning experiences.
- We work with the wider community to make a positive difference.
- We celebrate our achievements, both in the classroom and beyond.

### What are our expectations of students?



- Students take ownership of their own learning.
- They develop resilience.
- Willingness to study independently.
- Desire to be part of the wider school community.
- Aim high.
- Enjoy their time in school.
- Always try their best.

### Uniform – Years 7-11



Aspect	Compulsory Uniform	Not permitted
Jacket	Dark blue blazer with the School Badge	
Trousers	Plain dark grey or black tailored style trousers	Trousers made from denim, corduroy or lycra. Trousers that have a very tight fit Trousers that by design look like jeans
Shorts	Plain dark grey or black tailored style shorts. (In term 6 only, as part of Summer Uniform). Example of acceptable shorts shown below	Shorts made from denim, corduroy, fleece fabric or lycra. Shorts that have a very tight fit.
Skirts	Smart grey or black pleated skirt of knee length. The choice to wear a skirt should be made with parental consent and include discussion with the relevant Head of Year. Example of acceptable skirt shown below. When a skirt is worn, it should be accompanied by black, grey or dark blue socks or tights.	Skirts made from denim, corduroy, fleece fabric or lycra. Skirts that are shorter than knee length.
Shirt	White with collar	
Socks	Black, grey or dark blue	Socks in vivid colours or white
Outer garments	Coats, hats, gloves and scarves of a conservative nature that are in keeping with the smart and business-like nature of the school uniform when weather deems this necessary	Hoodies Jackets made from denim or leather Clothing with garish or offensive slogans Baseball caps Other unconventional wear
All students must have a bag that is big enough to carry around all required equipment. The bag should be of a conservative nature and in keeping with the smart and business-like nature of the school uniform. A separate bag is recommended for carrying PE/Games kit		Bags with garish or offensive slogans
Jumper or cardigan	Plain dark grey or black V-neck jumpers or cardigan. Students can only wear a jumper/cardigan if they are also wearing their blazer.	Patterned jumpers Round neck jumpers Sweatshirts or hoodies Any logos

Footwear	Plain black shoes	Boots, trainers (or shoes that look like trainers)
	SEE BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE	
Jewellery		No jewellery or badges are
/badges		permitted at all, with the
		exception of watches and charity
		lapel badges/wrist bands at
		restricted and appropriate times.
Tie	School tie or school colours tie	Sporting or other club ties
Hair	Well-kept and tidy	Hair cut into shapes likely to draw
	Long hair should be tied back	attention; hair dyed unnatural
		colours.
Equipment	All students should carry:	_
	Pen     Calculator	
	• Ruler • A pair of	
	<ul> <li>Protractor compasses</li> </ul>	
	Colouring     Pencil Sharpener	
	pencils • Reading book	
	Eraser	
	Calculator     Green pen	
	Pencil	-
	Any exercise books, text books and	
	further equipment required for their	
Games Kit	specific lessons  Dark blue reversible games shirt	
Games Kit	Dark blue football shorts	
	Dark blue football shorts  Dark blue football/rugby socks	
	Football boots	
	Shin pads for Football/Hockey	
	Gum shield for Hockey/Rugby	
PE Kit	White sports shirt (tennis style)	
	White PE shorts	
	White PE socks	
	Training shoes	

Footwear should be plain black shoes. No boots, trainers (or shoes that look like trainers) are permitted. **Acceptable Shoes** Unacceptable shoes **Example of acceptable shorts** Example of acceptable skirt

### Uniform – Years 7-11



#### **Summer Uniform**

In the summer, when temperatures can be consistently high; summer uniform will operate. This means that blazers do not have to be worn and shorts can be worn. However, if a student is not warm enough, it is their blazer that should be worn. It cannot be replaced by other items such as hoodies, jumpers or coats. If particularly cold, a school jumper can still be worn under the blazer.

#### Summer uniform commences at the start of Term 6.

If it is particularly hot prior to term 6, Summer Uniform may commence early. This would be communicated to all staff, students and parents. In the event of really extreme temperatures, the uniform may be relaxed even further, with the removal of ties and potentially students attending in PE kit. This would be announced, as and when needed.

#### **Exceptions**

Exceptions to the uniform policy may be granted for reasons of religious observance. This would only be permitted following discussions between parents and the relevant Head of Year.

### Rewards



- We are proud of our student and their attitude towards learning. Last year students at the school amassed over 130,000 merit/house points!
- We very much like to celebrate success of our students and hold celebration events throughout the year.
- Every time a member of staff gives a merit/house point out you will receive an email notification from Arbor.
- You will find a copy of the rewards policy in the behaviour policy on the school

website.

LEVEL/SIMS	,		REWARD	MANAGED
&HOUSE POINTS				вү
1 1 point	Excellent work or effort during the lesson or an excellent homework	(3 times per year, merit points will be totalised, and certificates will be awarded as follows: Top 5% of year group = Gold, Next 5% = Silver, Next 5% = Bronze)	1 Achievement point Recorded in ARBOR	Individual teachers
2 5 points	100% attendance (3 times per year)		Attendance Certificate awarded Recorded in ARBOR	SSMs
	Sustained effort or attainment		Phone call or email home to praise achievements Recorded in ARBOR	Individual teachers
	Clean Uniform Card (6 times per yea	ir)	Entry in to prize draw Recorded in ARBOR	SSMs

### Sanctions



- The vast majority of our students are well behaved and are enthusiastic about their learning.
- We have high expectations of our students and our behaviour policy reflects this.
- Pupils are helped to take responsibility for their actions.
- Families are involved in behaviour incidents to foster good relationships between the school and pupils' home life. When a student receives a sanction/detention the parent will be informed via an email about the details of why that young person has a detention.
- Following a trial in Term 6 last year we have now incorporated automatic centralised L1 detentions

within 24 Hours of the incident happening.

BEHA\	/IOUR AND CONSEQUENCES MATRIX		
LEVEL/ POINTS	BEHAVIOUR	CONSEQUENCE MANAGEE BY	
0	Low level behaviours: for example Talking Lack of focus Minor/one off disruption	Classroom management strategies.  Encouragement and praise  Verbal warnings and reiteration of 'Behaviour for Learning Rules'  Seating plan  2 strikes before escalating to level 1-1 warning then on second occasion of Low-Level disruption L1	Individual teachers
L1 1 point	More persistent/problematic behaviours, for example  Constant talking Failure to hand in homework Inadequate classwork Regular disruption Failed 3 strikes technique Disrespectful to peers Disrespectful to staff Misuse of school equipment Repeated lateness to lessons Failure to have uniform card on their person	Students are issued a L1 detention for 15 minutes in the allocated detention room. This will be the next available breaktime.     Lateness to a L1 detention will result in a L2.     Recorded on ARBOR as an L1     Parents informed by teacher     3rd L1 detention in a department in a term triggers an L2 detention next time and Subject Report (after the L2 it drops back to L1s)     Detention reflection sheet completed in the detention.     Poor behaviour in the detention leads to an After School Detention	Individual teachers

### Curriculum

This can be found on the Curriculum pages of our website:





### Curriculum





HOME > CURRICULUM > THE KNATCHBULL BACCALAUREATE (KNATCHBACC)

#### The Knatchbull Baccalaureate (KnatchBacc)

Our students' experience in school is built on four key pillars that make up the 'The Knatchbull Baccalaureate' (Knatch. Bacc.):

- Academic The timetable, the subjects, the lessons, the assessments, the exam
  outcomes... Arigorous academic curriculum, taught in creative and demanding ways, developing
  students' metacognition, recognising and acknowledging that secure understanding of
  knowledge underpins higher order thinking, synthesis (within and across subjects) and analysis.
- Extra-Curricular Enrichment, Sport, Music, The Arts...Through a wide range of enrichment and
  extra-curricular activities which broaden students' perspectives, knowledge, skills and talents;
  reinforcing that high quality outcomes in any field come as a result of commitment, targeted
  practice and teamwork, consequentially developing resilience, adaptability and learning through

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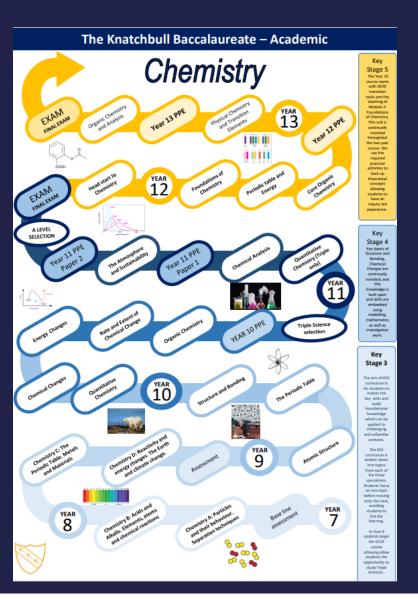
KS3 Curriculum

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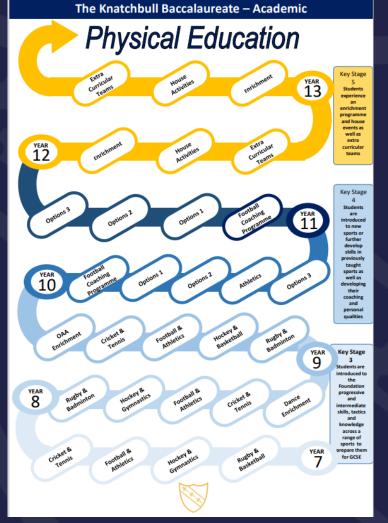
SEND and Pupil Premium Individual subject content can be found by going to the Knatchbull Baccalaureate page and clicking on the subject

### Curriculum









### **Knatchbull Baccalaureate**



- Our students' experience in school is built on four key pillars that make up the 'The Knatchbull Baccalaureate' (*Knatch. Bacc.*):
  - Academic
  - Extra-Curricular
  - Community
  - Excel and extend

# Part 1 – The Passport



- It is an expectation that all students will keep a log of their progress through completing the Knatch Bacc Passport.
- In the passport they will record examples of how you have met the four pillars.
- Students will download a copy from Teams.
- This will be checked by either me or a member of SLT.

Name: Form:



#### **Knatch Bacc Record**

Academic

Extra-Curricular Community

Excel & Extend

At NKS a student's experience in school is built on four key pillars that make up the 'The Knatchbull Baccalaureate' (Knatch. Bacc.) – Academic, Extra-Curricular, Community and Excel & Extend. Through making progress in each of the four categories, students will develop a wealth of experiences in a range of areas that take their time at NKS beyond the classroom.

Further information - The Norton Knatchbull School - Curriculum (nks.kent.sch.uk)

Academic

Extra-Curricular

Community

**Excel & Extend** 

Increased from 60% to 80% in maths.

Achieved mastery in Think: two subject. Record examples of your extra-<u>curricular</u> activities in this pillar.

Think:

Which Knatch Bacc

tasks have you completed?

What clubs have you taken part in at school?

What clubs have you taken part in outside of school?

Completed the Knatch Bacc book review task and achieved outstanding submission.

Attend chess club. at Ashford Museum.

Completed a sponsored cycle.

Record examples of how you have stretched and

challenged yourself.

Think:

Submitted the DT summer project.

Listened to 4 History podcasts.

your academic success in this pillar.

Record examples of

What test scores have you received recently?

How does your previous monitoring? Volunteer

Record examples of

your community

pillar.

Think:

involvement in this

Have you volunteered

anywhere recently?

Have you undertaken

fundraising for any

causes?

What activities have you completed from the excel and extend booklet?

How have you further developed your understanding of the subjects you are studying?

### Part 2 – The Tasks



- Every two weeks I will set an optional new task for Year 9 to complete at home.
- These will contain two parts.
  - Part 1 TED talk in form time.
  - Part 2 A task to be completed.
- Tasks will consider topics such as global warming, sustainable buildings of the future and teenage life.

### Part 2 – The Tasks



- Each submission will be given a points score of 1, 3 or 5.
  - 1 Submission.
  - 3 Good Submission
  - 5 Outstanding Submission
- This year, the points received for the Knatch Bacc directly link to achievement points.
- These points will accumulate to various levels of certificates again receiving <u>more</u> achievement points.
- All tasks will be set via Teams where submissions will be uploaded.

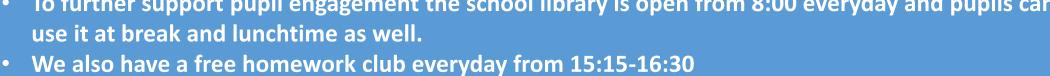
### Part 3 – Lectures



 Through working with the KS4 & KS5 Knatch Bacc leads, there will be a range of compulsory and optional lectures throughout the year.

### Online systems and support - Departmental homework

To further support pupil engagement the school library is open from 8:00 everyday and pupils can use it at break and lunchtime as well.





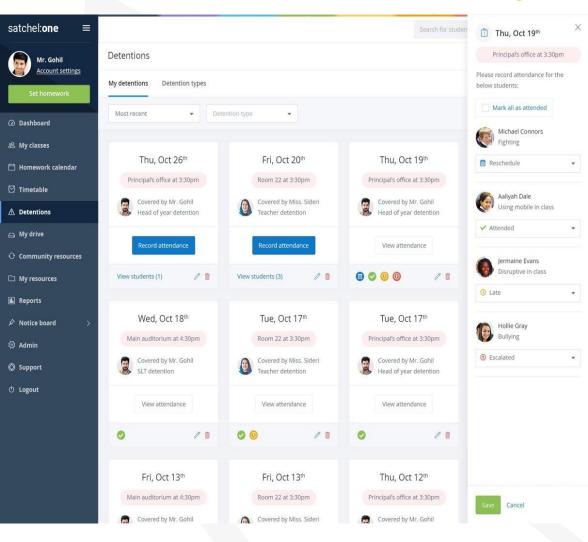
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Maths	Sparx Maths	No	See Maths teacher
Languages	ActiveLearn	No	Follow links on the login page
Science	Century / Kerboodle	No	See Science teacher
Geography	Hodder Boost	No	See Geog teacher
English	Century	No	See English teacher
All other	SatchelOne	Yes	See SSM or computing teacher

### Online systems and support - Satchel One

- Pupil and parent portals.
- You can see what homework has been set and what has been checked as completed.



- Mr Gowen runs a computing support session in D15 every Tuesday.
- If your son is having issues logging on, accessing apps etc then they should be here.
- He has a series of video guides to further support:
- YouTube QuickGuides Playlist



### Arbor

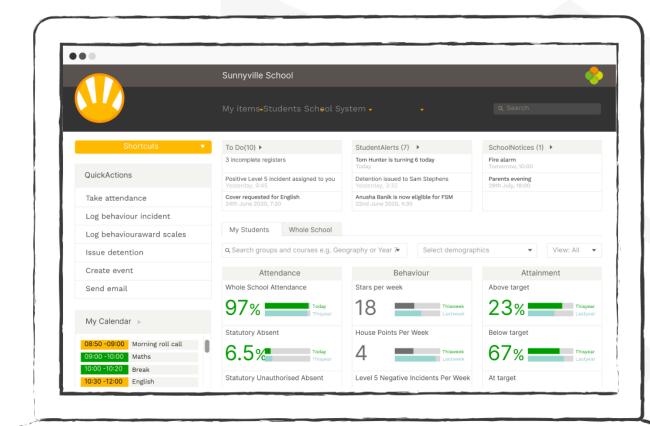


Arbor is the schools MIS

Main source of communications

 Achievement and behaviour points

WEB based and app



### Data and monitoring

- Each term minimum of one piece of marked work per subject with development comments.
- Their monitoring is a culmination of these and their work in class throughout the year.

#### **Monitoring Points for Year 9:**

Monitoring 1 – October

Monitoring 2 – March (Comments)

Parent's Evening - May

#### ATL

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Requires some improvement4 Inadequate



Report date 08 Mar 2023

1	33
Course	
Art and Design / Art: Art	
Computer Science	
Physical Education / Sports: PE	
Design and Technology	
Drama	
English	
Geography	
History	
Mathematics	
Music	
Religious Education: RE	
Science	
Spanish	

Current mark
M – Mastery – 1 <sup>st</sup>
quartile
S – Secure – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
quartile
D – Developing - 3 <sup>rd</sup> quartile
E – Emerging – 4 <sup>th</sup>
quartile

Homework		
1	2	
1 2 3	2	
2		
	2	
4		
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ATL		Homework
Always follows the school's behaviour for learning rules and is fully prepared for lessons.  Good behaviour contributes to successful learning.  Responds positively to feedback and guidance, developing their work and skills as a result.  Actively engages with independent learning.	1	Homework is always completed on time.  The quality of the work goes above and beyond the expectations set.  The work is presented with care and accuracy.
Follows the school's behaviour for learning rules and is fully prepared for lessons.  Good behaviour contributes to successful learning.  Routinely responds positively to the expectations of, and guidance from staff.  Students participate in self-directed independent learning activities	2	Homework is completed on time.  The quality of work is of a good standard.  The work is presented neatly and has minimal mistakes.
Follows the school's behaviour for learning rules and is usually prepared for lessons.  Behaviour is good most of the time, but can receive a first warning.  Often responds to the expectations of, and guidance from staff.  Students can participate in self-directed independent learning activities.	3	Homework is not handed in every time.  The quality of work is acceptable but requires more detail.  The presentation of work can be untidy.
Working below the expected standard of the school's behaviour for learning rules and an L1 behaviour has been set for this.  Often unprepared for lessons.  This impacts negatively on own learning.  There is little or no participation in self- directed independent learning activities.	4	Homework is not submitted on time or is not of a suitable quality.  The quality of work is incomplete or missing significant detail.  The presentation of the work is untidy.  An L1 behaviour has been set for this.



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# **Options**



NKS offers a strongly academic curriculum with **all** students studying for the EBacc suite of subjects:

- English Language and English Literature
- Mathematics
- Triple Science
- A Humanity (Geography or History)
- A Language (Chosen in Year 7)

# **Options**



Additionally, students select two from the following *Option* subjects\*:

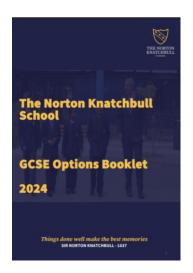
- Art
- Business Studies
- Classics
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

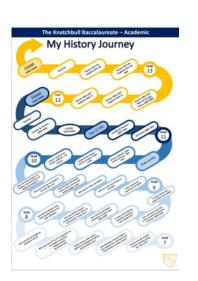
\*When subjects are oversubscribed, spaces will be allocated based on students average ATL across Y9.

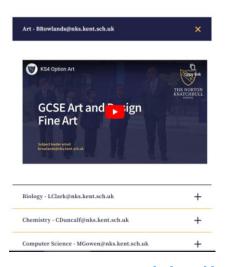
# **Options**



- Students also study Personal Development and Core PE, which are non-examinable subjects, within their timetabled lessons.
- GCSE Options Booklet
- GCSE Curriculum Maps
- GCSE Subject Videos







 NKS GCSE Options Booklet, Curriculum Maps & Option Videos - <u>The Norton Knatchbull</u> School - Key Stage 4 (Y10 - 11) Curriculum (nks.kent.sch.uk)

### How can you support your son/daughter?



- 1. Access Satchel One on a regular basis.
- 2. Have discussions regarding upcoming monitoring deadlines.
- 3. If possible, provide a dedicated workspace at home.
- 4. Attend options Evening (T5)
- 5. Attend parents evening (T5).
- 6. Ask for help from us if it is needed.

### How can you support your son/daughter?



- 7. Set out clear expectations at home.
- 8. Encourage independent study.
- 9. Support enrichment activities and any work experience.
- 10. Talk to them/Challenge them.
- 11. Become an involved member of the school community.

# Here to help





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