

Welcome to...

# CMS 101

An introduction to all things CMS

# Thanks for coming...

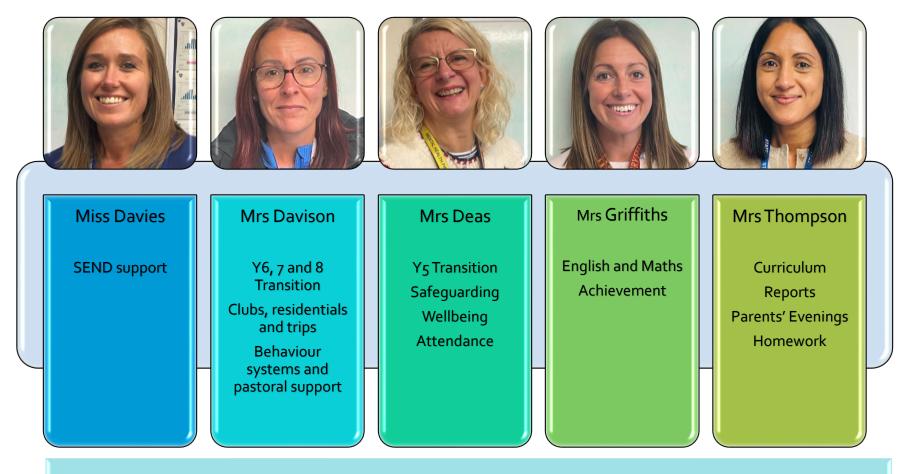
#### Agenda

- Communication
- Website and Curriculum
- Online Platforms, including Arbor
- Homework
- Behaviour
- Assessment and Reporting
- Maths and English support
- Residentials
- Wellbeing, safeguarding and attendance

#### After the presentation:

- An opportunity to ask more detailed information from our Senior Leaders
- Please also feel free to take a look at lost property

## We can't answer everything in this presentation so we have our Senior Leadership Team here who will be happy to answer questions later.



Also here tonight...Mr Danny Smith, our Chair of Governors,
We're all happy to help!



Getting to grips with all things CMS...

### So glad you're here

### Communication

Partnership with home is very important to us and to our pupils.

Our main methods of communication...

- Letters
- Emails
- Arbor In-app messages
- Arbor live information
- Facebook



Please talk to us, ask us questions directly – we are always happy to help!

### Contact us...

#### officecms@cmat.academy

For all general enquiries

#### admincms@cmat.academy

For transition and admission queries

#### safeguardingcms@cmat.academy

For reporting concerns that effect the safety or wellbeing of a child

#### pastoralcms@cmat.academy

To access support or advice about the wellbeing of your child

#### sencocms@cmat.academy

To communicate about your child's SEND needs

#### financecms@cmat.academy

To discuss issues around finance and payments

#### arborcms@cmat.academy

For support with the Arbor platform

### Contacting us:

## Your questions answered:

How do I report an absence to school?

If your child is off school, please let us know the reason for absence by 9.30am.

There are three ways you can do this:

- Ring school on 01902 843177 and leave a message on our absence line
- Send an email to officeCMS@cmat.academy
- Report directly on Arbor use the 'log absence' button on the attendance page

## Your questions answered:

How can I contact my child's form tutor?

Send an email to officeCMS@cmat.academy and it will be directed to the right person.

Please note it may take a couple of days to reply to emails. Our top priority is that our staff concentrate on the pupils during the day. We don't expect staff to check or reply to emails in the evening.

It can be tempting to copy in a number of staff but please limit this as staff can find it difficult to know who has replied. It's also a workload issue for staff.

### There's lots of information on the CMS website:



### **Our Curriculum:**

### What we are learning, when

#### On the Learn With Us Tab:

**English** 



by George Orwell and understand the

themes and characters in depth

provide a good foundation to respond to

some features within an example

### Supporting your child



### How can you help?

Using the information on the subjects and curriculum tabs can help you to support your child. Once you know what pupils will be learning you can...

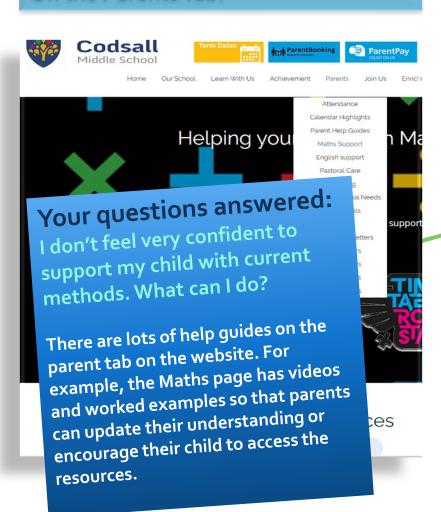
- Have a conversation about it
- Visit somewhere that enriches their learning
- Get a book from the library about it
- Find some you tube videos to watch together

PLUS all of the usual things you do...

- Hearing them read
- Practicing times tables
- Checking they've done their homework
- Asking them to teach you something

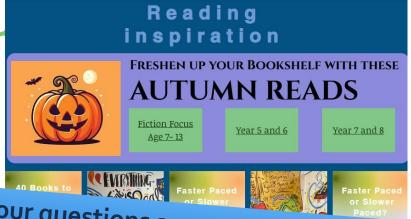
### Parent Help Guides:

#### On the Parents Tab:



#### On the Learn With Us Tab:





## Your questions answered:

How can I support my child with their reading?

The Reading Lounge is a page full of resources and inspiration appropriate for your child's age and interests.

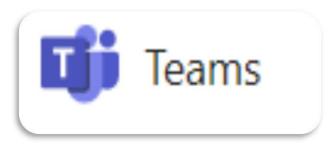
### Online Platforms

Used often:





For remote learning and some lessons:





### Online Platforms

All pupils have a login for Office365. The login details consist of an email address and a password. These should be recorded in the front of your child's planner

josephbu43@cmat.academy

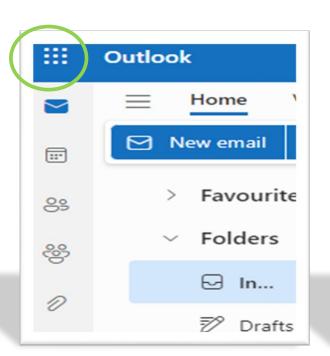
This is also used to access Arbor and the Microsoft 365 Office Suite, including Teams.

### How can you help?

- Encourage your child to log into their email and Arbor and then practice until they are used to it
- Check their log in is written correctly in their planner









## How can you help?

 Remind your child to use the 9 dots in the left hand corner to access the Microsoft suite of apps

### Useful sites for promoting safety online

More available on the school website

### Curriculum



Resources for parents



### **E-Safety**

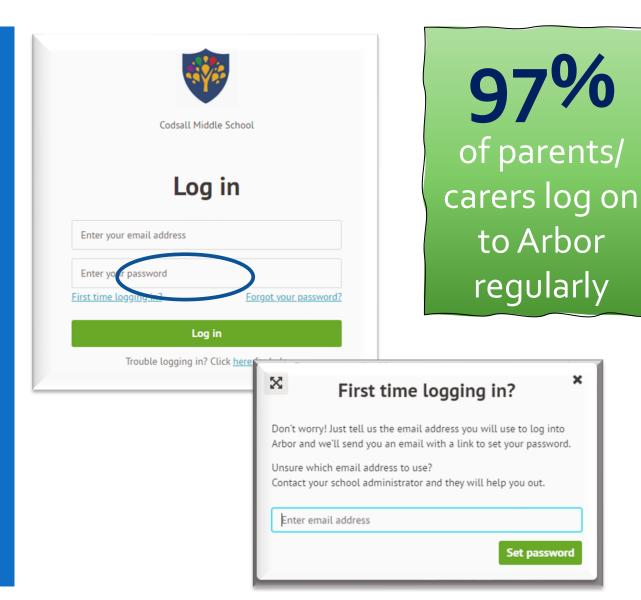






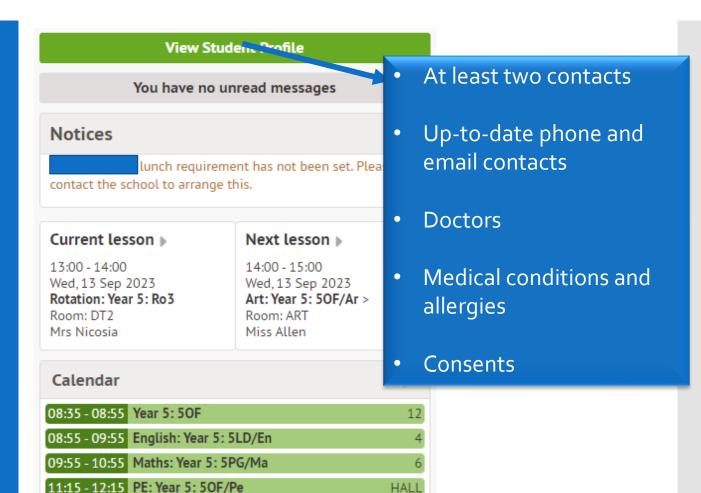
### Getting started with Arbor

Parents and Pupils





Essential information to keep up-to-date in Arbor



DT2

ART

12

13:00 - 14:00 Rotation: Year 5: Ro3

14:00 - 15:00 Art: Year 5: 50F/Ar

15:00 - 15:15 Year 5: 50F

#### View Student Profile

#### You have no unread messages

#### Notices

lunch requirement has not been set. Please contact the school to arrange this.

#### Current lesson >

13:00 - 14:00 Wed, 13 Sep 2023 **Rotation: Year 5: Ro3** 

Room: DT2 Mrs Nicosia

#### Next lesson ▶

14:00 - 15:00 Wed, 13 Sep 2023 **Art: Year 5: 50F/Ar** >

Room: ART Miss Allen

#### Calendar

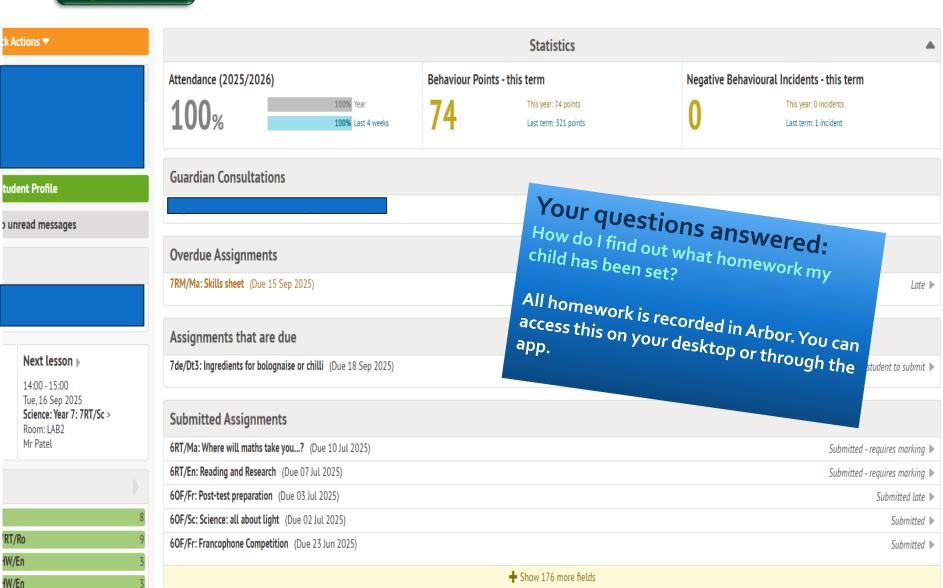
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08:55 - 09:55	English: Year 5: 5LD/En	4
09:55 - 10:55	Maths: Year 5: 5PG/Ma	6
11:15 - 12:15	PE: Year 5: 50F/Pe	HALL
13:00 - 14:00	Rotation: Year 5: Ro3	DT2
14:00 - 15:00	Art: Year 5: 50F/Ar	ART
15:00 - 15:15	Year 5: 50F	12

#### Consents

- Administer First Aid @
- Photo Consent Video & 
  Webcam
- Photo Consent- Media (Newspaper/Media Websites)
  - Photograph Consent Social @ Media
    - Photograph Student @

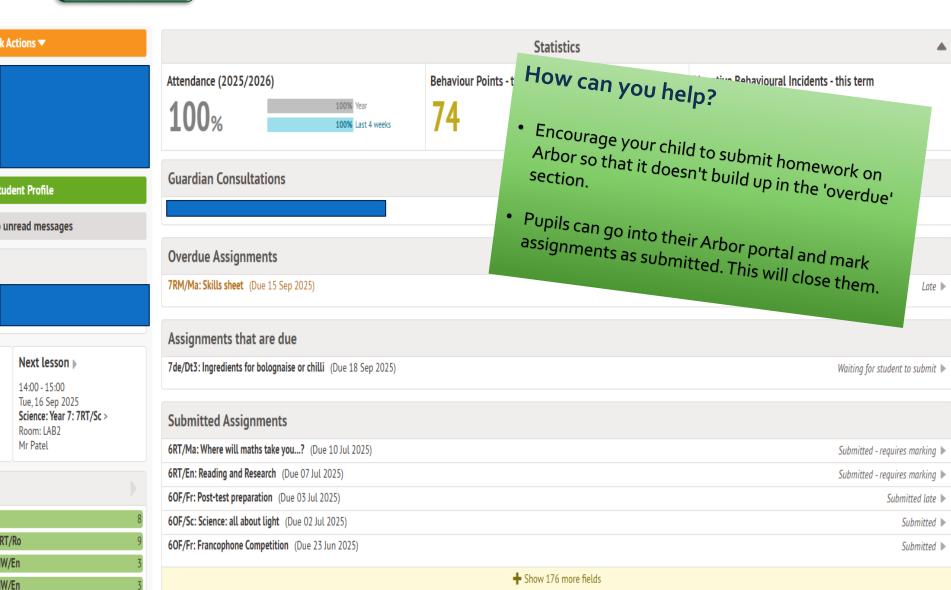


### Homework





### Homework



# Your questions answered... When will pupils start getting homework?

- A slow start this year due to major ICT changes over the summer.
- Pupils should be getting homework now.

Your questions answered... Is homework given on set days?

- To keep homework purposeful we do not have a homework timetable.
- English and Maths will be the most frequent.
- See our homework policy on the website.

Your questions answered...
How will we know what homework pupils have?

- This will be visible for parents now in Arbor.
- Once pupils have their email login they can access Arbor themselves to organise their own homework.

Your questions answered... Is homework marked and can parents view the results?

• This will depend very much on the activity set – often the homework is to support future learning rather than an end in itself.



### Behaviour



Our behaviour points system gives feedback to parents about the behaviour and attitude of their child.

Meeting expectations +1 positive points

Exceeding expectations +2 positive points

Values Nomination +3 positive points

Falling short of expectations -1 negative points

Where serious issues occur, parents will be contacted by school, but on the whole, negative points are simply a notification to parents that something hasn't been right in a lesson.

#### Behaviour Overview on Arbor:

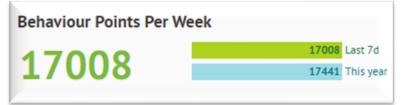
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Total Points			
Lifetime	2277 Behaviour Points		
2025/2026	67 Behaviour Points		
Autumn	67 Behaviour Points		
Points Breakdown			
15 Sep 2025, 11:18	Points: +1 Category: Expected behaviour Awarded by: Mr Baker Event: Geography: Year 7: 7RT/Ge		
15 Sep 2025, 10:03	Points: +1 Category: Expected behaviour Awarded by: Mr Wortley Event: Art: Year 7: 7RT/Ar		
15 Sep 2025, 09:07	Points: +1 Category: Expected behaviour Awarded by: Mr Tatton Event: RE: Year 7: 7RT/Re		
15 Sep 2025, 08:39	Points: +1 Category: Expected behaviour Awarded by: Mrs Thompson Event: Year 7: 7RT		
12 Sep 2025, 14:02	Points: +1 Category: Expected behaviour Awarded by: Mr Patel Event: Science: Year 7: 7RT/Sc		
12 Sep 2025, 13:54	Points: +2 Category: Excellent Effort Awarded by: Mrs Davison Event: PE: Year 7: 7cd/Pe2		
12 Sep 2025, 13:16	Points: +2 Category: Excellent Effort Awarded by: Mrs Deas Event: PSHCE: Year 7: 7RT/Ps		
12 Sep 2025, 12:12	Points: +3 Category: Values Nomination Awarded by: Mrs Thompson Event: Year 7: 7RT Comment: Star of the Week in form for the ambi		

## A system to help pupils be the best versions of themselves...

- Intervention process put in place before a negative point is given.
- Pupils are given the opportunity to modify behaviour before the point is given. A restorative approach is used to build positivity.
- Teachers will attempt to share the interventions that have happened in the comment section of the negative behaviour points notification.
- Parents read the notifications and discuss the behaviour with their child. Help them understand how they could have behaved differently.

Negative behaviour points are not given out lightly. We know it is tempting to leap to your child's defence but more benefit will be found from a discussion with your child about what they could have done differently. This is an important part of teaching young people how to behave.





### Your questions answered...

### What are the interventions mentioned in the behaviour policy?

- Interventions are the things the teacher has done in the lesson to help the pupil change their behaviour.
- As the interventions are happening in a live classroom environment, they are many and varied, but they can include things like...
  - A conversation with the teacher
  - Additional support
  - Moving seats
  - A movement break
  - A time out
  - A change of activity
- Our teachers will put some of these in place to give a pupil the chance to modify their behaviour before a
  negative point is given.
- This system works most often children do change their behaviour hence the statistics below...



### Your questions answered...

Is there a consequence for needing a higher number of interventions?

- If pupils fail to improve their behaviour once the interventions have been put in place, they receive a negative behaviour point
- Pupils who receive a negative point attend a lunchtime reflection session where they can reflect on how their behaviour could have been changed
- Pupils who receive 25 or more negative points will be excluded from reward trips and residentials

Level 1 Negative Incidents Per Week

19
Last 7d
This year



Your questions answered...

My child has told me their version of events and I'm not happy that a negative behaviour point has been given. What can I do?

- Teachers teach up to 150 pupils a day so they are unable to respond to emails about individual behaviour points.
- Please view behaviour points as a notification to you, rather than a consequence. Children will go wrong sometimes and it's important to keep it in perspective.
- Remember that pupils don't always see the big picture of their behaviour and that on average only between 20-40 negative points are given in a month.

Only

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Pupils reached the 25 point threshold in 2024-25

Over

76%

Received less than 5 negative points across the year

Over

22%

Pupils did not receive any negative points in 2024-25

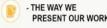


- WAIT FOR OUR LESSONS QUIETLY AND CALMLY
  - WALK TO THE LEFT. QUIETLY AND CALMLY
- ARE ON TIME AND OUR **TEACHERS GREET** US AT THE DOOR
- **GIVE WAY TO**
- START EACH LESSON WITH 'QUIET TIME'
- ARE KIND TO EACH OTHER AND SHOW RESPECT TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- **ALWAYS ATTEMPT** TO CHALLENGE **OURSELVES**
- ARE THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES
- ALWAYS KEEP GOING WHEN THINGS ARE

- TAKE PRIDE IN OUR **PRESENTATION**
- THE WAY WE PRESENT OUR WORK
- THE WAY WE ACT
- TAKE PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT









### It's the Codsall Way!

### Your questions answered...

What is the difference between behaviour points and merits?

- Merits are more ad hoc, for recognition in the moment.
- Merits will be given for many reasons for example completing amazing work, volunteering, helping out, contributions to school.

### Your questions answered... What are Values Nominations?

- At Codsall Middle School we are... The CMS values are 'Considerate, Ambitious and Proud', We call this the Code William and Proud'. We call this the Codsall Way.
  - When we spot pupils going above and beyond to demonstrate the Codsall Way, they will receive a

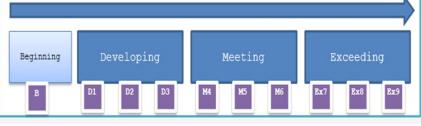




### Assessment and Reporting







Mrs Thompson

Curriculum
Reports
Parents' Evenings
Homework

Standardised Assessments (Externally Assessed)

National Standard Age Score (SAS) = 100

Expected SAS = 100+

Higher SAS = 110+

#### Pre and Post assessments:

Teachers use what pre and post outcomes tell them about a pupil's progress, to plan lessons to meet the needs of all learners.

#### **GL** Assessments:

Completed online on entry and then again at the end of the year in English, Maths and Science.
Used nationally - rigorous assessments that capture accurate progress and measure attainment.
Teachers use GL attainment data to plan lessons to meet the needs of all learners.

### NGRT (New Group Reading Tests):

Completed online three times a year. They are standardised assessments to check progress in reading.
Used to identify where intervention may be needed to support pupils with reading progression.

# Reports and Parents Evenings

#### All reports are published on Arbor

Interim reports in November and February – snapshot reports followed by opportunity to discuss with subject teachers at parents' evenings

For year 5, the November report will provide grades from English, Maths and Science only

Main curriculum reports in July - a detailed report on pupil's progress

#### During the year:

 Parents can contact subject teachers at any point during the year if you have concerns about your child's progress. This can be done via email to the school office.

## Autumn Term Parents' Evenings planned dates:

- Weds 19th November
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> November
- 4pm 6.3opm
- In person, in school

#### Spring Term Parents' Evenings planned dates:

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March
- 4pm-6.3opm
- In person, in school



024/2025

08 Jul 2025 KS2 SATs

07 Jul 2025 Summer Report

28 Feb 2025 Spring Interim Report

08 Nov 2024 Autumn Interim Report

2023/2024

### Your questions answered... How are parents' evenings booked?

For the first time this year, we are booking parents evenings through Arbor. We'll send out more information close to the date.

### Your questions answered... How are sets for English and Maths sets organised?

- We use our baseline assessments done in GL Assessments to put pupils in sets.
- We also apply our knowledge of the child and their class work to inform the decision
- We move pupils around sets if we need to.

Your questions answered...

Are parents' evenings online or in person? They are in person over two evenings.

Your questions answered... Are all tests weighted and taken into consideration for the end of term assessment?

 Key assessments are taken into account. Information used will include formal assessments like GL tests and the information gained from posttests and classwork.

### SEND



Miss Davies

SEND support

### Opportunities for feedback

- SEND Parent Forum
- SEND Parents Evening appointments
- Parents Evening appointments with subject teachers
- EHCP Annual Reviews
- Transition meetings
- Reports
- Arbor behaviour

Your questions answered...
When are SEND parent meetings?

- These are planned termly.
- Please take advantage of SEND parents' evening slots and parent forums.



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# English and Maths at CMS



English and Maths

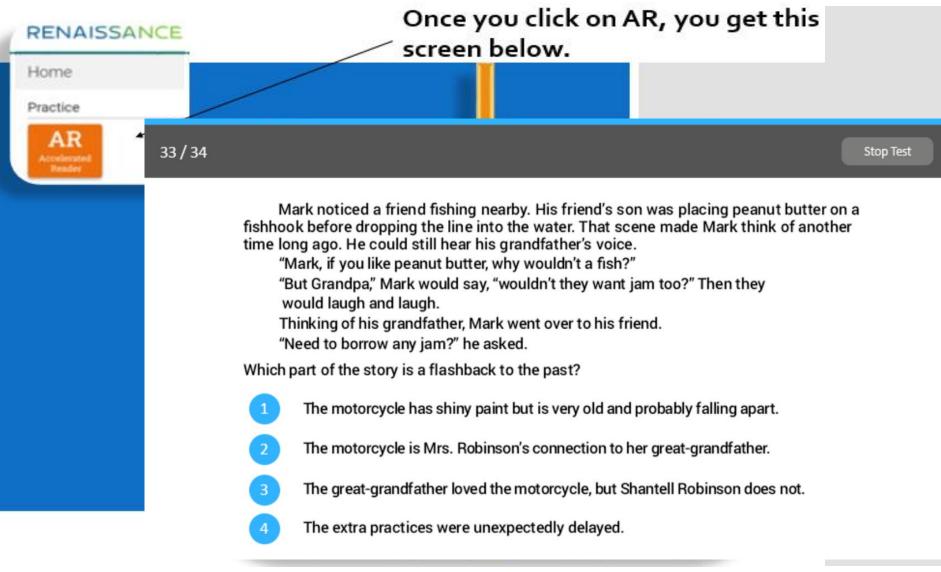
Mrs Griffiths

### Curriculum

- ☐ At CMS we aim to create a curriculum rich in reading not just in English but all subjects and link learning to life.
- English lessons study exciting texts covering a breadth of topics. By KS<sub>3</sub>, pupils enter into a mastery style of teaching; looking at texts like Sherlock Holmes which is always a hit.
- ☐ Continuing the mastery style, Maths is taught using White Rose Maths and linking Maths to real life contexts and careers.
- ☐ Many exciting online platforms are used to aid learning:
  - -Accelerated Reader -White Rose Maths
  - SPAG.com -Doodle Maths
  - -Spelling Shed -MyMiniMaths

### **Accelerated Reader**

### RENAISSANCE



https://global-zone61.renaissancego.com/welcomeportal/2249950



### What is Spelling Shed?

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An online program that centring around games, allowing crimes





#### Spelling Bee

The original Spelling Shed game!



Score goals and spell words!



(4)

#### Shed Load

Load the bee hives on the truck!

### Word Games



#### Detinitions

Match the words with the definitions!

nttps://www.spellin

## Literacy at home

- Reading is vital, and proficient reading ability is strongly linked to success in later life.
- All pupils have league tables and are challenged to read as many words as possible.
   Reading regularly soon adds up:

### 20 minutes a day=

10 minutes a day=

5 minutes a day=

1.8 million words per year

Roughly 1 million words per year

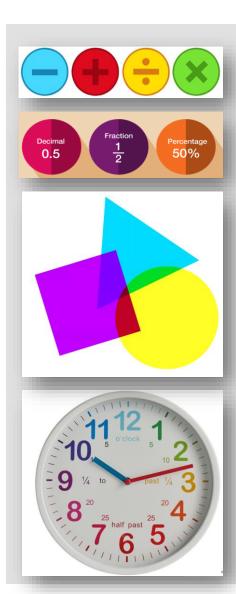
282,000 words per year

- Reading together and sharing reading for pleasure.
- Asking questions as you read:
  - -Respond to a question retrieving evidence from the text How do you know that some people found their behaviour unusual?
  - -Give the meaning of a word in context.

    What does the word 'distraught' tell you about his mood?
  - -Summarise main ideas from a paragraph
  - -Predict what might happen next
  - -Compare one text to another
  - -Give reasons for preferences of reading choices. Be honest and make suggestions.
- Practising spellings in different ways- put spellings into songs, play hangman with their spelling words, create their own personal home dictionary.

## Maths at CMS

- White Rose Maths
- Developing skills in a mastery style
- Problem solving and deepening mathematical thinking
- Concrete and abstract resources
- Doodle Maths
- MyMiniMaths
- Careers Rotation







#### **WEEK 01**









#### **WEEK 02**









#### **WEEK 03**



#### ADDING USING FORMAL WRITTEN METHODS





#### YEAR 5

Week 1 - Monday

Addition with Formal Written Methods
Using the column / vertical method,
calculate the following:

**Back to Basics** 

ANS

ANS

# HOMEWORK

#### Structure:

#### 5, 7 and 8

- Homework books
- Set of questions
- Complete at home against the clock
- Returned and marked at the start of the lessons

#### Year 6

 Doodle Maths and SATs revision

#### Homework is set regularly in Maths and English

#### Maths:

KS2: Monday, Wednesday and Fridays

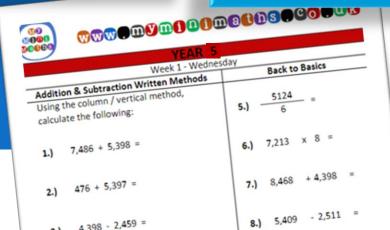
Year 7: Monday and Fridays

Year 8: Wednesday and Fridays

#### **English:**

Weekly homework set on SPAG.com or Spelling Shed,

sometimes tasks from lessons and always reading.



All homework is displayed on Arbor



# Maths at home

Constant use of skills outside of lessons will help pupils.

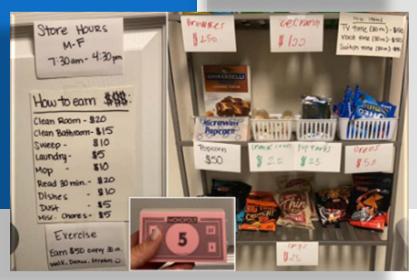
#### **Quick wins:**

- Add up shopping as you are going around the shop
- Help with recipes in the kitchen
- Use clocks and watches to set timers
- Measure things
- Convert things
- Homemade tuck shops











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# Residentials



Mrs Davison

Y6, 7 and 8 Transition Clubs, residentials and trips Behaviour systems and pastoral support

# Some of the enrichment opportunities this year



#### Outdoor and Adventurous Activities - 4 Year Journey

Year 5 Boreatton Park 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 80 places

Year 6 Bryntysilio (Wales) 2<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 60 places

Year 7&8 Bude (Cornwall) 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 60 places

#### <u>Cultural/Performing Art - London</u>

Year 7&8 Arts visit to London (2 days, 1 night)

#### **Sport tours**

Netball and football weekend (invite only) July 2026

Overseas cultural visit - Biannually

Taking children away on residentials takes a lot of time, energy and commitment from our staff.
It's a big responsibility!
So, for all residentials trips we have very clear expectations
<ul> <li>Strictly no mobile phone policy</li> <li>Behaviour in school is important. 25 negative points will disqualify you from trip.</li> <li>Pupils attending should be considerate and supportive to others so all can thrive.</li> <li>Engage and be open minded = positive experience to remember</li> <li>We cannot guarantee there will be photos of your child on social media - staff are busy looking after them!</li> <li>Clothes should be appropriate for outdoor pursuits not a beach holiday.</li> <li>Residentials aren't 5 Star holidays - we can't promise the same facilities!</li> <li>Strictly no boys in girls' rooms and vice versa - staff will carry out checks</li> </ul>

It's important to remember that when pupils get back they will be very tired. Feed them, let them sleep and then listen to the stories of their experience – it's amazing what a difference it can make!



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# Safeguarding and Attendance



Mrs Deas

Y5 Transition Safeguarding Wellbeing Attendance

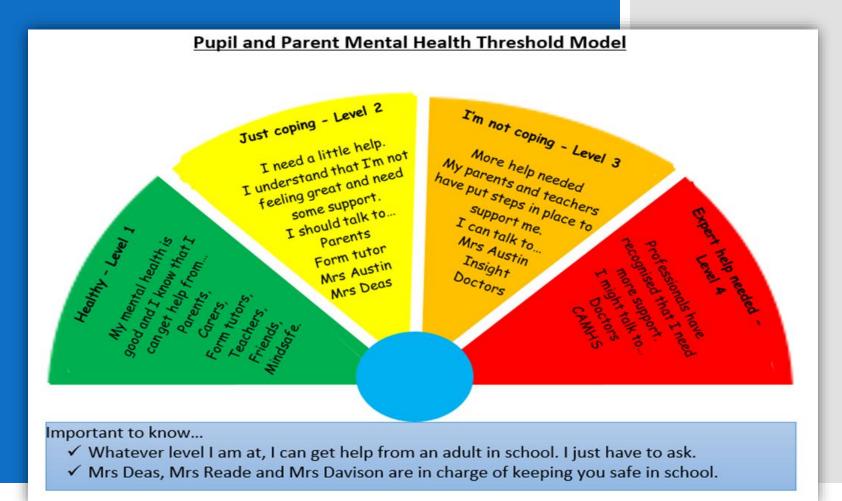
### Mrs Austin



#### Mrs Steventon



# Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing



## Who to talk to if you have a problem...

#### Form tutors are the first point of contact:

**Year 5 Form Tutors** 

Mrs Grimley, Mr Harvey, Mrs Rowley, Miss Ferretti

**Year 6 Form Tutors** 

Mrs Croot, Miss Denne, Mrs Nicosia, Miss Whitehouse, Mrs Morris

**Year 7 Form Tutors** 

Mr Patel, Mrs Cuthbert, Mr Baker, Mr Deas, Mrs Thompson

**Year 8 Form Tutors** 

Mr Tatton, Mr Evans, Mr Mistry, Mrs Sohal, Mr Wortley.

#### Our non-teaching pastoral team will be available to help and support

Mrs Walton and Ms Evans

#### Extra support for children:

Ambassadors (Blue Ties) will help you out with any problems or direct you to a member of staff if needed.

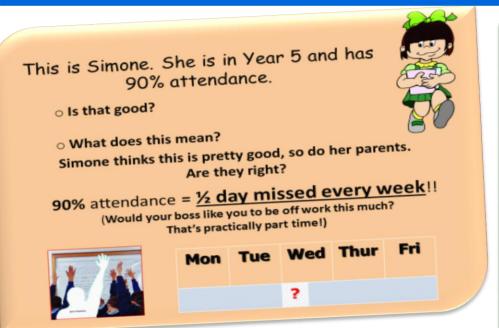
At lunchtime there are a team of lunchtime supervisors and Teaching Assistants both inside and outside who are happy to help.

Mrs Austin and Mrs Steventon will be happy to listen if pupils need them.

Child Protection Officer: Mrs Deas

Assistant Head (Pastoral) and Deputy Child protection officer: Mrs Davison

### Attendance



CMS Attendance

95.8%

National (secondary)

91.4%

# 48 pupils

Attended every day of the 2024-25 school year

32%

of pupils achieved over 98% attendance

Good attendance at school has been proved to be an important factor in pupils' achievement so we celebrate good and improving attendance.

The school is bound by strict guidance from the government which mean that...

- Attendance Letters are sent when attendance is 90% or below. These must be sent regardless of the reasons for absence.
- Fine notices will be issued for holidays. This is compulsory for schools and the money raised does not go to our school.
- There are very few circumstances for which a holiday can be authorised and there are strict rules about what they are.

### **Laches Wood – Team Building and Wellbeing Day**

### Friday 17th October 2025

### Laches Wood Activities Include:

- Archery
- BMXing
- · Bush craft
- Paddlesports
- · Climbing and bouldering
- · High ropes course
- Caving
- · Offsite adventures
- Sailing
- · Search and rescue

**How to find us:** Laches Wood Outdoor Education Centre, Laches Lane, Slade Heath, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PA



https://www.entrust-ed.co.uk/services/our-centres



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#### A chance to ask more detailed questions....



Or take a look at lost property!



A school to be proud of

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