



Year 7 Information Evening September 2023

Welcome!





Welcome

- Mrs Forster Headmistress
- Ms Quesne Head of Year 7
- Mrs Queralt Deputy Head and DSL
- Mrs Crafts - SENDCO
- Mrs Westcott - Mental Health Lead
- Mrs Nix - Matron
- AHSA
- Social Time





Fire Alarm Procedure





Our Vision..

Developing uniquely talented young adults, who are independent, strong and confident





And our Mission

A girls' grammar school creating a welcoming environment which draws the very best from all in our community. Achieved by providing an ambitious education that stimulates creative and critical thinking, values diversity and facilitates dynamic personal development.





Progress 8 as it currently stands....

0.98

Destinations - 234 students, well done to the sixth form team!

- 27 out of 29 Early Entry Offers achieved, plus 5 clearing offers and 2 overseas offers
 - 18 medics
 - 3 Vets
 - 3 Dentists
 - 2 Oxford and 8 Cambridge
- 141 students achieved their first choice placement
- 16 achieved their insurance
- 33 achieved a place through clearing
- 28 are taking a planned gap year
- 16 have alternative plans, including 6 awesome apprenticeship opportunities

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Values

Confidence. Respect.
Engagement. Aspiration.
Teamwork. Enjoyment.





Boundless **aspiration**

We're looking for big ideas and bright futures, underpinned with ambition, rigour and **respect** for your environment. Walk tall and never lose sight of where you're headed.





Resilient bravery

In trying to get it right, sometimes you're going to get it wrong. It's never the end of the world. Have **confidence** that you will learn from it and come back stronger. Fully commit to what you're doing, **aspire** to achieve a little bit more than you thought you could.





Curious **engagement**

We live in a dynamic world of variety, diversity and change. **Enjoy** and **engage** with **respect**. Be curious, don't settle with what you know now. Look to embrace difference, seek out alternative points of view, open yourself up to new ways of thinking.





Selfless generosity

By fostering an inclusive and compassionate community, we prioritise **teamwork**, valuing others, and kindness. Through collaboration and unity, be empowered to grow personally and academically.





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Jo Quesne

Head of Year 7



Stage 1 complete.
Time to take a
deep breath!



Developing independence, strength and confidence



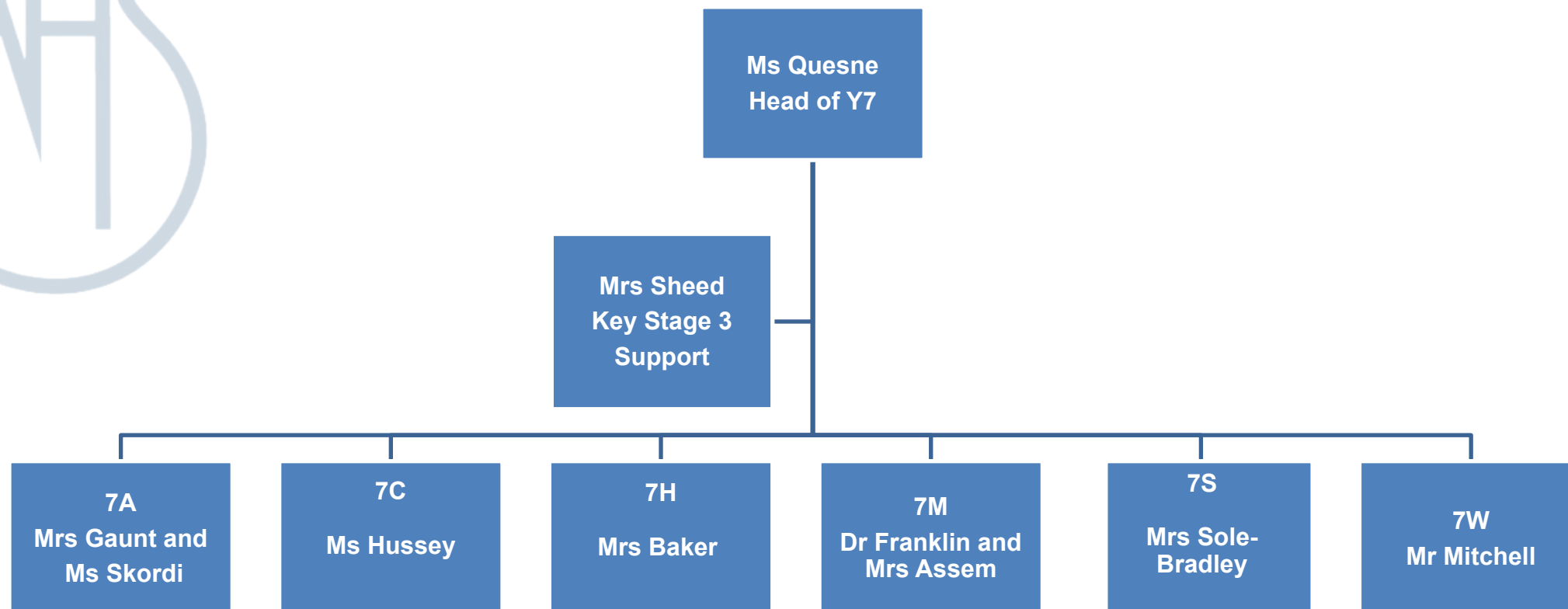
Key themes for the year

- A transition for parents as well as children!
- Increasing independence
- Transition for our high achieving girls
- A year of shifting friendships
- The half term dip!





Who's who



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Mrs Forster
Headmistress



Mrs Queralt
Deputy
Headteacher
and DSL



Mrs Westcott
Mental Health
Lead & Young
Carer Coordinator



Mrs Nix
Matron



Mrs Crafts
SENDCo



Mrs Kiteley
Student
Wellbeing
Assistant



Behaviour

A calm, orderly environment aids learning and makes the school a safe and pleasant place to be for all our community. **We focus on the positive.**

- Our Behaviour Policy and Home School Agreement outline our expectations, are on our website and have been shared
- Students can see the Behaviour Matrix in their Form Rooms
- We promote the issuing of rewards and celebrate students' achievements throughout the year and at our presentation evening in the Summer Term.
- We are creating more Leadership opportunities for our younger students, under the leadership of our new Assistant Head Personal Development, Mr Stephen Pitchers.





Attendance

- Leave of absence request form on website
- Holidays will not be authorised
- Illness - call school absence line before 8.30 am
- Email: dsheed@ahs.bucks.sch.uk





Mrs Queralt

Deputy Headteacher
Pastoral Oversight
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Welcome to Aylesbury High School:

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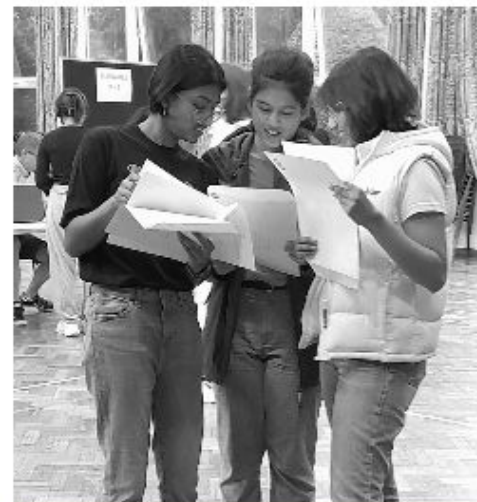
Head's Welcome Message



AHS Ethos



Quality of Education



Exam Results



Co-Curricular



Sport at AHS



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Community and Alumnae





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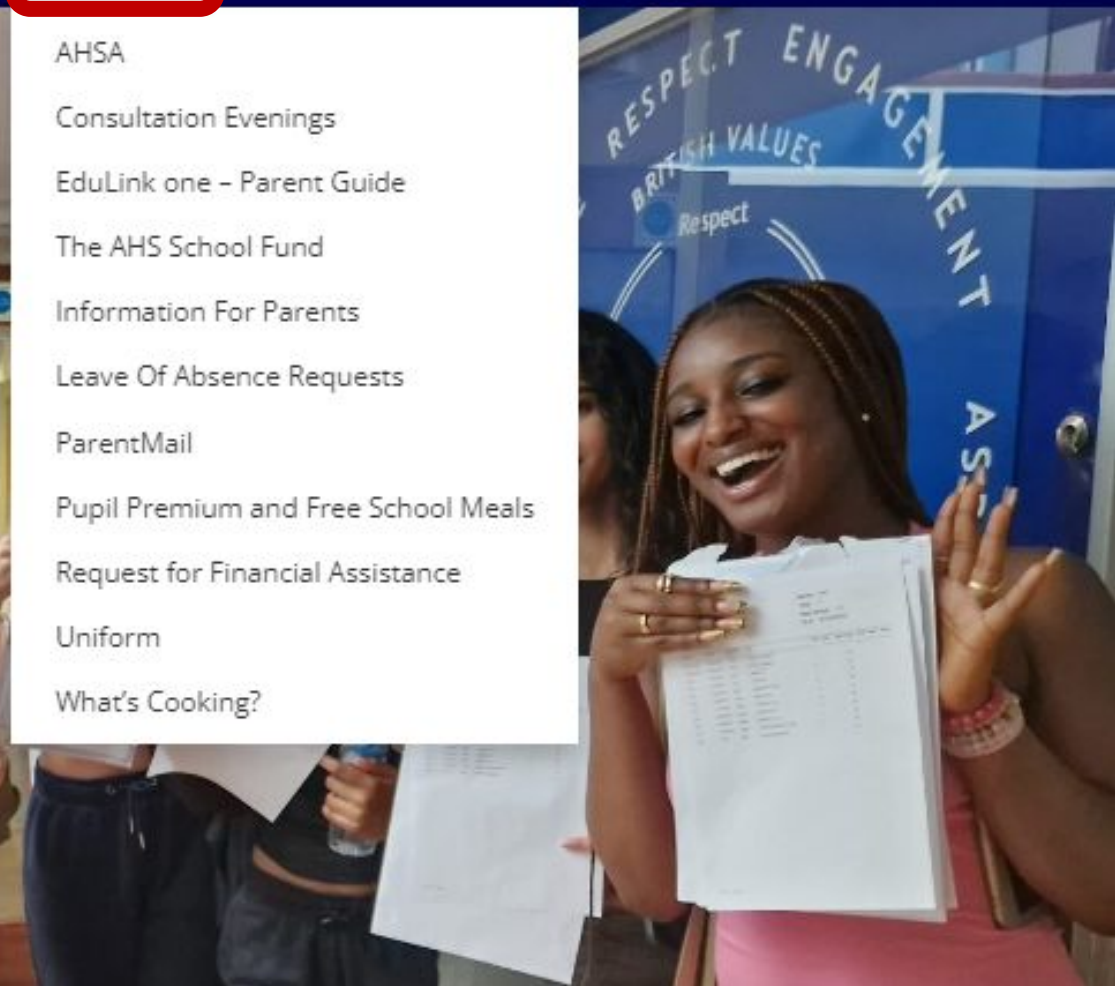


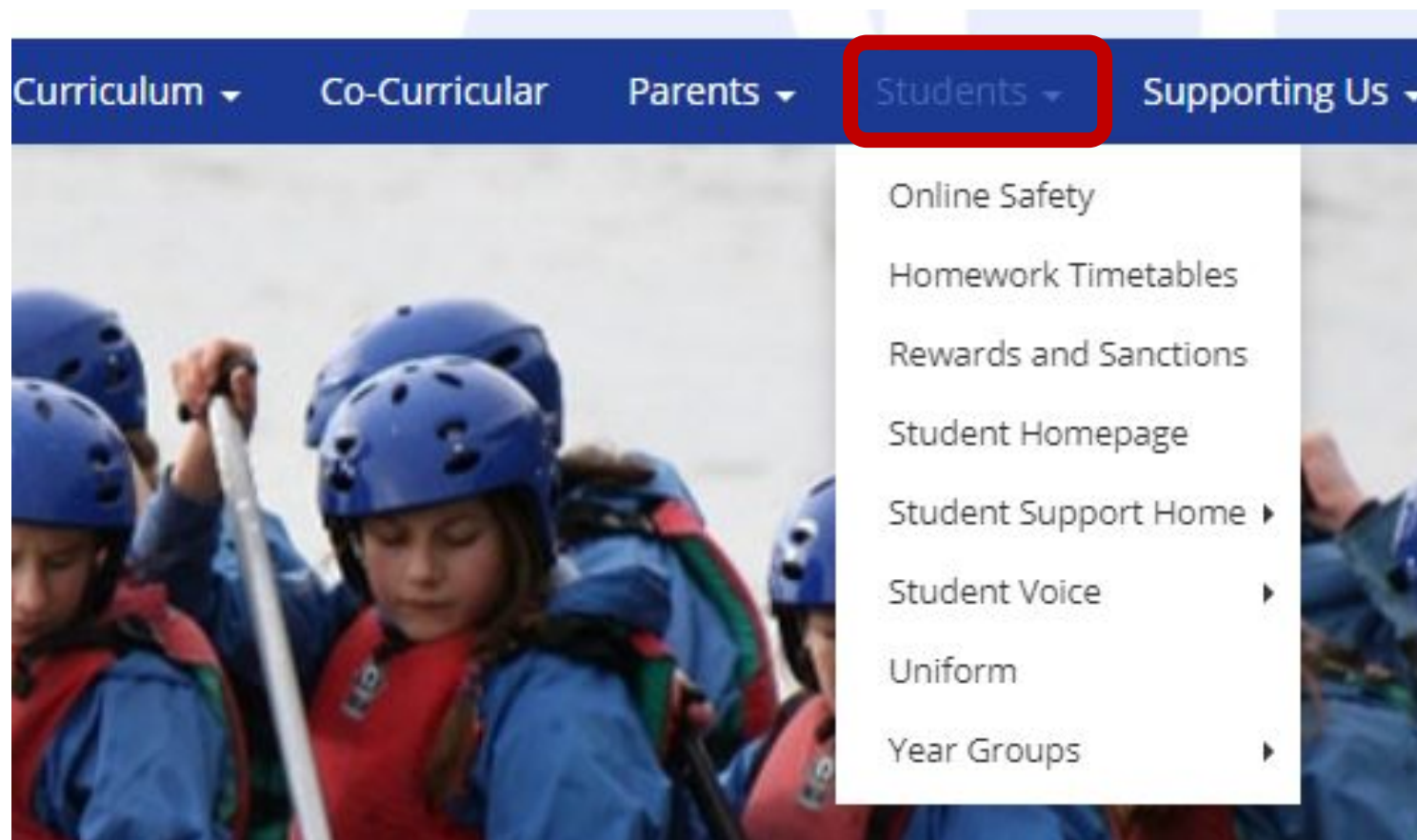
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- AHSA
- Consultation Evenings
- EduLink one - Parent Guide
- The AHS School Fund
- Information For Parents
- Leave Of Absence Requests
- ParentMail
- Pupil Premium and Free School Meals
- Request for Financial Assistance
- Uniform
- What's Cooking?







Year 7

Welcome to the Year 7 area of the website

The Head of Year 8 is Ms Jo Quesne, jquesne@ahs.bucks.sch.uk

Year 7 form tutors are as follows:

7A Mrs C Gaunt

7H Mrs J Baker

7S Mrs C Sole-Bradley

7C Miss R Hussey

7M Dr L Franklin

7W Mr T Mitchell

Please do email them if you have any concerns you would like to discuss. They are often teaching during the school day, but Mrs Sheed, the Key Stage 3 Pastoral Support Assistant, is often the best first point of contact on 01296 388222.



Inclusion and Diversity



Medical



Online Safety



Special Educational
Needs and Disability



Student Wellbeing



Young Carers

Calendar

Below is the Aylesbury High School calendar, showing many of the important dates for your diary. I

Yr 7 Yr 8 Yr 9 Yr 10 Yr 11 Yr 12 Yr 13 Music Events Sport Events House Events

Today ◀ ▶ September 2023 ▾				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	
28	29	30	31	
Summer Holiday				
			New Y7 Summer School (x120	
4	5	6	7	
Week A				
INSET Day	INSET Day	Start of autumn term - Y7	All students back in school	
11	12	13	14	
Week B				
3:30pm Netball Trials Y7	3:30pm Netball Trials Y7	3:30pm Netball Trails Y9 7pm Welcome to Y7		

Year 7 Events

📅 19th October 2015 👤

Netball Trials Y7

September 11, 2023

Netball Trials Y7

September 12, 2023

Welcome to Y7

September 13, 2023

Y7-Y13Greenpower Castle Combe Heat (x20)

September 17, 2023

Y7 Netball SOST

October 3, 2023

Y7 - Lion King (x80)

November 1, 2023

Y7 Young voices

January 19, 2024





Curriculum Implementation

Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3

In Years 7, 8 and 9 we aim for a broad curriculum. We want our students to have the opportunity to experience many of the subjects on offer to them in KS4. We value the skills obtained from creative subjects and nearly a third of a Key Stage 3 student timetable is made up of the creatives – Art, Computing, Dance, Drama, Music, PE and Technology. All students have swimming lessons throughout KS3 and we have the benefit of a shared pool with AGS to facilitate this. Our Year 7 students learn three languages – French, German and Spanish and choose two of these to continue with in Year 8 and Year 9. In Science, our students will start learning GCSE material just before Christmas of Year 9 as this ensures they can cover the content to an appropriate depth by the end of Year 11. It also gives them an opportunity to appreciate the three separate sciences before starting Y10. Because of this, Y9 Science is taught as Biology, Chemistry and Physics with specialist teachers.

Our Learning for Life (L4L) programme delivers areas of the curriculum that are not covered by academic subjects as well as complementing some of the skills they will learn in their other lessons. It allows us to cover Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development, British Values and Careers education. Throughout our L4L curriculum we aim to create confident, resilient individuals capable of making informed decisions and making the most of opportunities that will help them to live happy, healthy lives.





Learning for Life in Year 7

In Year 7 we help our new students settle into school with lessons on friendship and study skills.

Digital safety is an important theme of Year 7 lessons as we try to guide our students to use the internet productively and safely. To support your child in this you might like to take a look at these resources:

**TAKING CARE OF YOUR PRIVACY
AND DIGITAL FOOTPRINT**

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

**Social media apps: setting
safety and privacy settings**

Parental controls

Advice on setting up parental controls to help you keep your child
safe online.

Our RSE strand in Year 7 looks at topics such as puberty and family relationships.

Our Year 7 Resilience Programme from [Bounce Forward](#) aims to build emotional resilience and the ability to deal with setbacks.

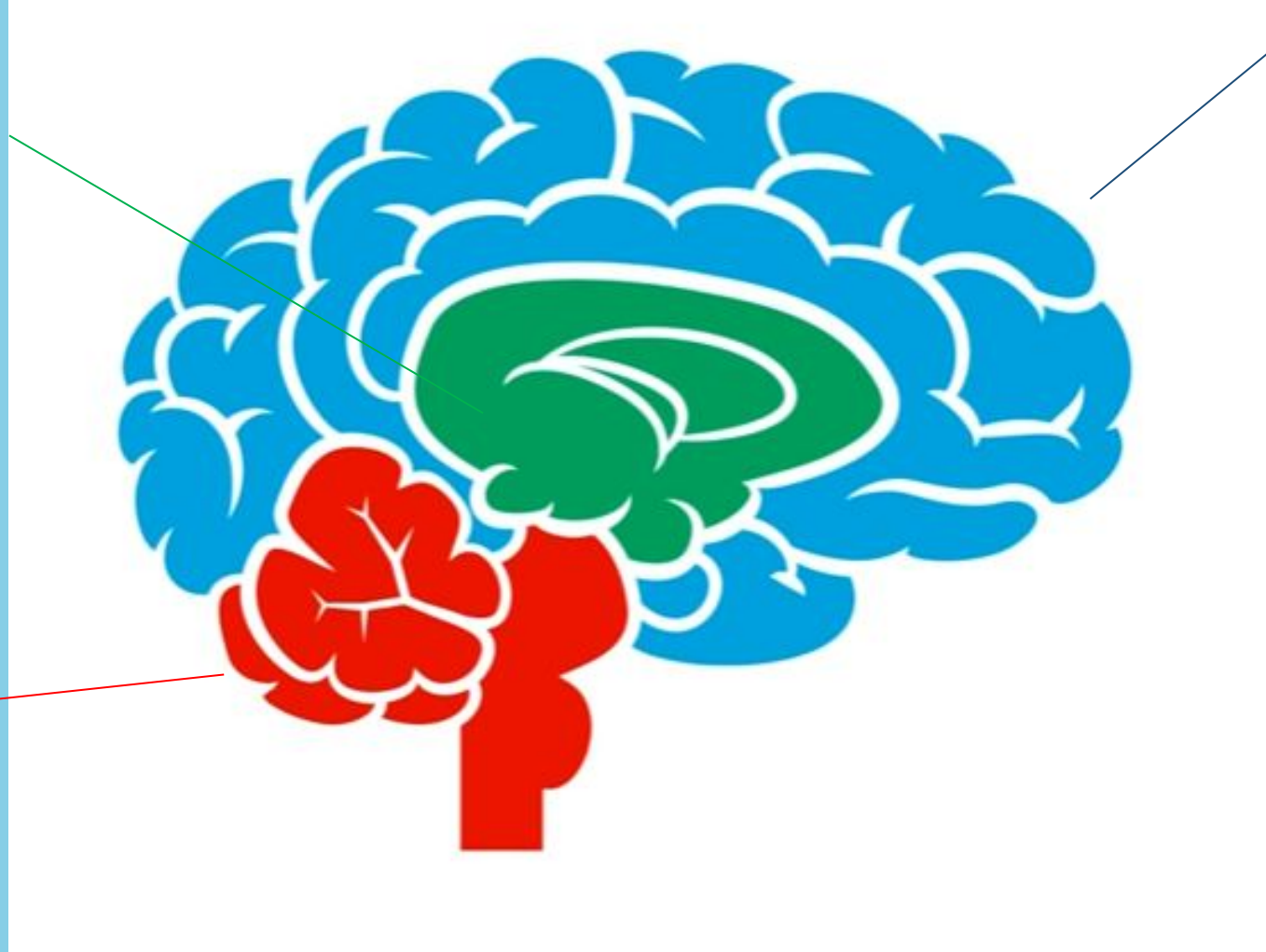


FEELING

Emotions & social
Experiences
Anger
Fear
Pleasure

PRIMITIVE

Basic life functions
Breathing
Moving
Scans the environment for threats



THINKING

Stores memories
Thinks
Plans
Communication
Decision making
(overriding the
primitive brain
responses)

A



B



C

ACTIVATING EVENT

- Fact
- Who, what, when, where

BELIEFS

- The thoughts in our mind in that moment
- Explaining the causes and implications
- Often tough on ourselves and others

CONSEQUENCE

- What we feel (emotions)
- How we act (behaviour)








 Users

10

 Devices

7

 Captures 142

Actionable Events

Cyberbully

Cybercriminal

Cybersexer

Offensive User

Oversharer

Potential Paedophile

Terrorist

Troll

Vulnerable Person

Vulnerable User

Alerts are
seen via the
dashboard






7H


Mrs R Curtis

Due Thursday
23:59 – Formal Elements



7P-Sp


Miss N Fernandez-Rus



7h-ma

Mr C Stanley

Due today
Hexagonal Lines Sheet. Due Mo...




7h-dr

Miss L McKendrick



7h-ge

Mrs C Mills



7Y- Food & Textiles (...)

Mrs S Saunders





Google
Keep



My Homework

- ⋮ ☐ English - read Ch 3 by 8/9
- ☐ Science - answer Qs on the heart by 10/9
- + List item
- ▼ 1 completed item
- ☒ ~~Maths - finish worksheet for 7/9~~





AHSA - group of parents with day jobs who have made time to support the school.

Role of AHSA - bring parents, students and teachers together through hosting various events.

Committee: Chair - Gauri Kulkarni, Secretary - Chichi Ezech, Treasurer - Jo Mancellari, Usha Niranjana runs 50:50.

Active members - Saurabh Shukla, Zoe Cleary, Mrinal Das, Camille Higgins-Brown, Sarah Edwards + AHS staff/teachers

- Money raised is used to buy kit that normal school budgets can't stretch to i.e. September 2020 → we presented the school with a cheque of £20K which was used to pay for interactive screens.
September 2021 → £9K. Still an impressive figure bearing in mind it was the pandemic!
September 2022 → £20K
September 2023 → £17K
- Raised over £50K in the last 5 years.
- Fundraising and community role / our upcoming events for 2023/2024 - disco, quiz night, prom, halloween party, 50:50, and easyfundraising
- AHSA donated iPads, Carnegie prize winning novels for literacy, 3D printer, thermal imaging camera, water fountains around school being installed by the end of this year, chairs for 6th form study, cameras for photography, lightboxes for art, MFL subscriptions, piano, picnic tables for outdoor seating. (Just to name a few. The detailed item list of things we have funded for 2022 / 2023 is at the tea/coffee area if anyone wishes to take a look.)
- Online meetings first Wednesday of every month + possibly one face to face meeting per term

Contact: ahsachair@ahs.bucks.sch.uk for any questions or to sign up

