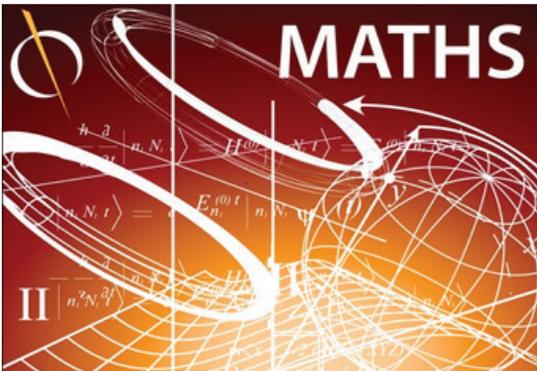




Newsletter 3 - Students Section

Welcome to edition 3 of our countdown to PCS. This week we'd like to introduce you to our Head of Maths and English, two people that you will be seeing a lot of!



Hello Year 6,
I hope you are well, I am Mr Ball, the Head of KS3 Maths here at PCS. We in the maths team are very much looking forward to meeting you.



Maths is a subject that goes far beyond what you do in the classroom and teaches you the skills to think creatively to solve problems.

You will all have been working on some fantastic maths at your primary schools and we are looking forward to building on that here at PCS.

In maths we look to study all things numbers related, but also look at building reasoning and problem-solving skills in our students.

We do this by looking at different branches of maths such as number skills, geometry and data.

You will look at techniques and methods that were discovered by famous mathematicians of the past and to help inspire you to become the mathematicians of the future.

I am setting some maths challenges for you to attempt before you even join us:

- Take part in the Maths 100 seconds times table challenge, aim for a score higher than 50 and see how high you can go!!
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/100-seconds/>

- Create a poster showing activities that you, or the people you live with, have done over the summer holidays that required the use of maths, this could be:
 - Time you have spent trying something new.
 - Distances you have covered during your daily exercise.
 - Measuring ingredients when helping with the cooking.

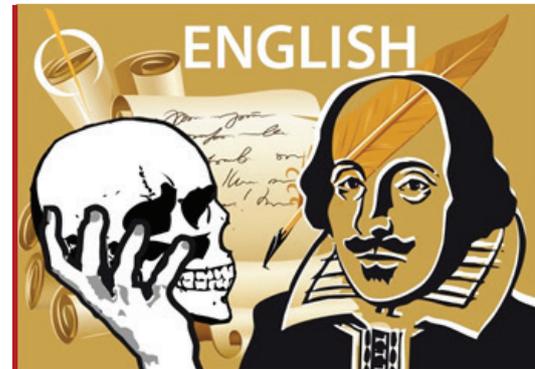
- Learn the names of polygons from 3 sides to 10 sides.

Don't forget to keep your work safe to bring in and share with us. We are looking forward to displaying them in one of our maths classrooms.

Please do enjoy your summer, I can't wait to meet you all.

Best wishes,

Mr Ball and the Maths team



Dear Year 6,

I hope this finds you safe and well. I am Miss Haywood, the Head of English at PCS. On behalf of the English department, we are all very excited to meet you.



English is a core subject that helps you make progress across all of your subjects as it helps you to be a confident reader, writer, speaker and listener. Strong communication skills help you to build relationships with other people.

In English, we combine English Language, the study of language, fiction and non-fiction and different styles of writing, and English Literature, the study of plays, poetry, short stories and novels.

You will read a wide range of texts from lots of different writers ranging from classic literature like Shakespeare to modern novels like 'Holes'. You will read poetry from writers all over the world and use your creativity to write your own poems to share and perform.



You will build on the fantastic writing skills you have developed in primary school to write in a variety of styles to inform, entertain, persuade and describe different topics and issues.

Your oracy skills will be important in every single lesson, whether that's sharing your opinions with the person sitting next to you or giving a speech to the whole class.

Reading is a great way to ensure you continue to make academic progress when you are on holidays and it is also a brilliant escape that is good for your mental health and overall well being.

Reading can be a way to transport yourself to another world with characters you get to know and care about.

Every year we do a **PCS Big Summer Read** and ask all of our Y6's, along with all our older

students and staff at PCS, to read the same book so you can talk about it with each other when you join us.

Talking about books is fun and it's a great way to get to know new people. With this in mind, we have some challenges for you over the summer!

- We would like you to read for at least half an hour every week - you could make a reading journal, recording each week what you have read and your thoughts about it. You can find some reading lists on the PCS website if you need some inspiration for books to read.

- Send photos of yourself reading in unusual places (staying safe of course!) and send them in to MsPowell who is our KS3 coordinator; she will be the judge and give prizes out in the first week back: vikki.powell@swale.at



- We would like you all to attempt The PCS Big Summer Read which this year is After by Padraig Kenny.

[Click here](#) to view it on Amazon.

Have a fantastic summer. We are looking forward to seeing you soon and remember, those that read, succeed!

Miss Haywood and the English team.