



## STOKE PARK — SCHOOL —

15 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Re: Year 8 Masters of Recall

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, we will be rolling out our Masters of Recall process for Year 8 students. Masters of Recall is a process that current Year 8 students will be familiar with from their Year 7 studies, and centres on testing student retention of 'Powerful Knowledge', initially in their Core subjects of English, Maths and Science. Fundamentally, 'Powerful Knowledge' encompasses the key aspects of subject content in all academic subjects, and we wish to be testing Year 8 students on this across the entire curriculum, by the end of the 2024/25 academic year.

As part of the Stoke Park 'Seven Year Journey,' I am contacting yourselves as parents to advise on this process, as it is important to emphasise our commitment to providing your child with the best possible opportunities to reflect, aspire and achieve from an academic perspective. We believe that by testing 'Powerful Knowledge' retention once per term, in addition to individual teachers providing formative and summative assessment opportunities for students in every lesson, that we create the right environment for children to gain, retain and address any gaps in their knowledge, whilst improving their meta-cognitive skills, on a regular and consistent basis. In turn, the adoption of the Masters of Recall process in Year 8 this academic year, will help facilitate the absolute best qualifications and associated positive life opportunities for our students in the future, following their examination success at GCSE & A-Level in the final stages of their 'Seven Year Journey' at Stoke Park School.

Should you wish to gain further insight into your child's studies by discovering the 'Powerful Knowledge' they are currently learning in respective subjects, or to help them to prepare for their upcoming Masters of Recall tests, then I would urge you to access our school website and click on 'Academic Programme'; followed by 'Masters of Recall' and 'Year 8'. Here you will find lists and explanations for 'Powerful Knowledge' in each subject that your child currently studies. Furthermore, it is important to note that the first wave of Masters of Recall tests will take place in w/b 14/10/24 and tests will be completed digitally. I cannot stress any further here just how important it is for students to attend school all of time and especially during this process, as there are clear links between good levels of attendance at school and academic success, and the pursuit of this is what drives us to provide the very best learning opportunities to our students!





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Lastly, I wish to remind you of my earlier letter home in September where I discussed the Year 8 'Philosopher' stage of the 'Seven Year Journey'. Having successfully negotiated their way through the 'Orator' stage of the Stoke Park 'Seven Year Journey' in Year 7, Year 8 students find themselves a short way through another stage of exciting academic and social learning experiences via the 'Philosopher'. The teaching of 'Powerful Knowledge' alongside subject specific skills across the entirety of our curriculum offer will work alongside those skills learned across the 'Seven Year Journey' and in Personal Development (PSHE) sessions to ensure that Year 8 students can be good philosophers, and are able to succeed in the following areas by the end of this academic year, with a view to making a success of their Year 9 studies and the opportunity to choose suitable GCSE Options next academic year:

- Be interested in the world & ask questions about it
- Examine ideas carefully and consider different viewpoints
- Be willing to change your mind when you encounter new evidence
- Use reason and evidence to support your ideas
- Think about your own thoughts and beliefs
- Consider what is right and wrong, and why

Please do contact me, should you have any further questions or wish for more information about the Masters of Recall process.

Yours sincerely,

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