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Penwortham Girls'  
High School

## Introduction:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my AL team. My name is Mrs. Honeyman and I am an Associate Assistant Head teacher at PGHS. One of my responsibilities is to ensure that an effective KS3 intervention program takes place during years 7 to 9. AL (Accelerated Learning) has been running for a few years now and as always at PGHS we are continually striving for excellence and to ensure that all pupils make at least expected progress in English and mathematics. Thus, there have been a few changes this year that I would like to explain in this information sheet.

## AL Teaching Staff:

English: Mrs Byard  
Maths: Miss Parker

## Literacy Cycle

Year 7: Step up Silver  
Year 8: Step up Gold 1  
Year 9: Step up Gold 2

## Numeracy Cycle

Year 7: Components 1, 2 & 3  
Year 8: Components 4, 5 & 6  
Year 9: Component 7 & 8

## AL Numeracy

During AL Numeracy pupils will be completing the Entry Level Mathematics Certification Course. This is accredited by the exam board AQA. This course provides basic and relevant mathematical skills and is suitable for students of all ages. It can build their confidence in maths, especially with lower ability pupils. The assessment is on demand so the students can complete assignments when they are ready, helping to keep them motivated.

There are three levels of entry and for each Level there are eight components.

Component 1: properties of number

Component 2: the four operations

Component 3: ratio

Component 4: money

Component 5: the calendar and time

Component 6: measures

Component 7: geometry

Component 8: statistics

## AL Literacy

In AL literacy, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are following the AQA 'Step Up' programme. This is accredited by the exam board we use for GCSE language and is designed to consolidate the skills they will need in key stage 4. The programme includes a range of hands on projects including:

Celebrity Fact File

Formal and informal communication

Persuasive speaking and writing

The World of Work

Travel

Each unit is chosen by the teacher to meet the needs of the group. These units may also be supplemented with wider reading activities from carefully chosen fiction texts.

**NGRT** – we use the New Group Reading Test to identify the reading skills of every student. This online test provides a bespoke breakdown on the strengths and weaknesses of every student. This allows teachers in all subjects to ensure they are supporting students by using a range of reading strategies as appropriate. This further helps staff teaching **Accelerated Learning** to develop targeted and personalised interventions to boost pupil progress.