

## STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING PROGRESS – YEAR 8

Below are some general resources and tips students can use both at school and at home to improve progress in subjects in which they are below track (indicated red on the review sheet). These can be used in addition to the individual feedback students receive from their subject teachers.

SUBJECT	1	2	3
<b>English Language</b>	Writing and analysing prose: Watch the <a href="#">videos</a> to inspire some creative writing ideas and revise key skills.	Intervention packs: Contact your teacher to assign you some intervention work based on your target for improvement	Spelling, punctuation and grammar: Work your way through the <a href="#">skills worksheets</a> , improving your knowledge of type, audience and purpose
<b>English Literature</b>	Research the author of the book you are reading in class. What inspired them to write the book? How does this feature in the text?	Make a mind map of literary techniques. Can you give an example for each technique?	Reading journal activities: Contact your teacher to get a Reading journal activity sheet, use these alongside your current reading book to develop your comprehension of the text.
<b>Mathematics</b>	Arithmetic – Use the <a href="#">PiXL Times Tables App</a> & earn all of the awards.	Explore the <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a> section on KS3 Maths	Problem Solving – Use the KS3 section of the <a href="#">rich</a> site to investigate problems.
<b>Science</b>	Use <a href="#">Kerboodle</a> to access online text book and other resources for each unit. Answer the summary questions at the end of each section.	Literacy focus: Use glossary section to revise keywords and definitions for each of the units. Assessment sections can be used to check progress (quiz) and skills assessment check your knowledge of scientific and maths skills.	Use the interactive section to fill in the keywords and complete the sentences, watch videos/animations and link the scientific concepts to the real world applications. Practise 6 marks answers using correct spelling and grammar. Analyse the topics that you haven't done well on from cycle of improvement test.
<b>Art</b>	To increase cultural awareness and artist knowledge visit local galleries such as <a href="#">The Baltic</a> and <a href="#">The Laing Gallery</a> .	To improve skill development watch online tutorials on You Tube and take a look at <a href="#">GCSE Bitesize</a> Art and Design.	Investigate <a href="#">The Exhibition of the North</a> which is the largest event in the UK and is coming to Newcastle in the summer with lots of free events and exhibitions.
<b>Geography</b>	Earn points on the Pixl Geography App.	Learn the names and location of high and low income countries around the world.	Use the AQA Geography section on <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a> . Take the tests to check your understanding.
<b>History</b>	Earn points on the Pixl History App.	Produce of timeline of key events during WW1 and WW2	Use the AQA History section on <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a> . Take the tests to check your understanding.
<b>PE</b>	Attendance at extracurricular clubs to improve practical ability. Use the <a href="#">Tyne and Wear website</a> to find additional clubs out of school time.	Take on a variety of roles in lessons such as a coach or a referee to improve confidence and knowledge	Use of the online revision tool <a href="#">GCSE bitesize</a> for Physical Education to improve theoretical knowledge
<b>French</b>	Download the free DuoLingo app to help build vocabulary and understanding of grammar. This app is also useful for practising listening and reading skills.	Ensure that you are regularly learning vocabulary at home to help support your learning in school.	Use <a href="#">Linguascope</a> to consolidate learning in class through a range of interactive activities.
<b>Technology</b>	<b>FOOD</b> <a href="#">Food – a fact of life</a> - Varied information about food and useful recipes <a href="#">Bitesize for Key stage 3</a> – video clips and information about food <a href="#">Food Standards Agency</a> . Wide amount of information and many links	<b>RESISTANT MATERIALS</b> <a href="#">Technology Student Website</a> <a href="#">BBC Bitesize</a> <a href="#">Sustainable Design Awards</a>	<b>ENGINEERING</b> A host of <a href="#">ideas and information</a> for pupils at Key Stage 3 and 4
			<b>D&amp;T QUIZZES</b> <a href="#">A selection of online quizzes</a> <a href="#">Tools quiz</a> <a href="#">Materials and Design quiz</a>