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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 7 and Year 8 home-learning

Please see below a summary of the home-learning arrangements for Years 7 and 8 pupils for this half term. The main purpose of home-learning is to consolidate what is being covered in class. Home-learning for Years 7 and 8 pupils comprises of:

1. English

We have introduced a new online platform for English home-learning called Vocabulous. [Please click here to log on.](#) This resource provides targeted and explicit vocabulary teaching. It uses Latin and Greek word roots to teach word patterns. Pupils then use these patterns to work out the meaning of unknown words, which share the same root. The explicit teaching includes quizzes, videos, and other activities.

A new root word, and associated activities, are released on Mondays, which pupils should then complete. This is every fortnight for Year 7 and every week for Year 8. The activities are marked in real time, and pupils receive instant feedback on their responses. Pupils gain stars and other rewards as they complete the various activities and challenges.

Pupils have all been provided with their usernames and passwords. Teachers have been explaining and demonstrating how to complete the activities in English lessons.

2. Maths

Pupils are set Maths questions every week to complete on Sparx Maths, an online programme. These are set by class teachers. The online programme differentiates appropriately and asks questions based on prior pupil responses. These questions are marked in real time and pupils receive instant feedback as they complete the questions.

3. Science

Pupils are set questions on Educake to complete at various points of the half-term. Your child's Science teacher will let pupils know when the tasks are available. The questions are marked in real time as the pupils complete them.

4. Welsh

Pupils are set Welsh vocabulary to learn by their Welsh teacher, once a fortnight. The vocabulary lists are given to the pupils by their teacher. The teacher will explain what has to be learnt and by when.



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5. Table of home-learning tasks

Every half term pupils are provided with a table of home-learning tasks for a range of subjects.

[Please click here for the table of home-learning tasks for Year 7.](#)

[Please click here for the table of home-learning tasks for Year 8.](#)

These include learning activities for a range of subjects. The tables of tasks are also attached to this email, and available on our website.

Pupils are to complete two tasks per week in their home-learning books. Pupils can choose any of the tasks. Completion of this home-learning is checked by Form Tutors every Wednesday. The first check this half-term will be on Wednesday 24th January.

6. Reading

We also encourage pupils to regularly read for pleasure at home. This is due to the positive impacts on pupil achievement. We recommend 15 minutes per day.

We run a home-learning club on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in school from 3.10pm to 4.10pm. This takes place in the library. In this club pupils have access to IT and adult support.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Many thanks for your positivity and support

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Watson
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