



Dydd Llun Medi 28ain

Annwyl Rieni a gofawyr,

Home learning – Years 7, 8, and 9

Please see below a summary of our home-learning system for Years 7, 8, and 9, together with some further explanation.

Years 7, 8, and 9
Vocabulous (Activities for a new root word are released every fortnight)
Learn spellings (Ten spellings each week)
Sparx Maths (Weekly assigned questions)
Educake (Science questions released at various points of the half-term)
Learn Welsh vocabulary (provided by teacher – once per fortnight)
Tasks from Home-Learning Grids (Two tasks per week)
Read for Pleasure (15 minutes per day)

Vocabulous

Each fortnight a new root word will be unlocked for your child to complete on '[Vocabulous](#)', an online vocabulary programme. Pupils should complete these tasks fortnightly. This helps develop pupil knowledge of root words, and further improves their understanding of complex vocabulary. This is a fun and interactive online tool which supports pupils across all subjects. Pupil engagement will be monitored by the English department. Pupils have been given their Vocabulous login details and these are logged in the front of their exercise books. Please email kinghenryviii319curriculum@monmouthshireschools.wales if your child had forgotten their login details. Vocabulous homework timetables are available on the [school website](#).

Spellings

In English pupils will also be given 50 words to learn before the end of the academic year. These are different for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. Each group of 50 words can be broken down into groups of 10, and these words are grouped based on a spelling rule, for example, homophones. Each week there will be a short spelling test that will test one group of ten words. The spellings are in pupils' exercise books and can also be found on the [school website](#). Your child will complete three tests across the year of all 50 spellings, and their scores will be recorded and shared with parents and carers. The aim is just to improve!

Sparx Maths

Every week pupils will be assigned Maths questions to complete on [Sparx Maths](#), an online Maths learning platform. These questions respond to your child's level of understanding in



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real time, i.e. the next question asked depends on their answer to the previous. This is monitored by the Maths department. Pupils all have their Sparx Maths login details. Pupils can click 'forgot password' if they have forgotten their password, this will then notify the school of their new password, which we will pass to you.

Educake

At various points of the half-term, pupils are set tasks to complete on [Educake](#), an online Science learning platform. This consolidates pupil learning in class, and allows them to practise their new Science skills. This is monitored by the Science department. Pupils all have the Educake login information. Please email kinghenryviii319curriculum@monmouthshireschools.wales if your child had forgotten their login details.

Welsh vocabulary

Every fortnight pupils are set Cymraeg vocabulary to learn. This is provided by the teacher during lessons and is also tested during lessons. This is monitored by the Welsh department.

Home-learning grids

Every week pupils should complete two tasks from their home-learning grids. The grid for every half-term is [available on our website](#). Pupils can choose the tasks they wish to complete. These introduce and consolidate what is being covered in class. Pupils complete these in their home-learning books. This is monitored by form tutors.

Reading for pleasure

Pupils are asked to read for pleasure for 15 minutes every day. This can include them reading to themselves, or families reading to them. Research consistently shows how regularly reading for pleasure improves mental wellbeing, cognitive function, and emotional intelligence. It acts as a natural stress reliever, builds a richer vocabulary, and helps you discover new things.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you for your positivity and support.

Yn gywir,

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