



Year 8 - Home Learning Guidelines

During the period of self-isolation for students in Year 8, we will provide work for students to complete at home.

What work will my child be completing?

Your child will be set work by each subject area

The work is designed to cover the equivalent number of learning hours as your child would receive over this period in school. For example, if they should have 4 lessons in a particular subject, they will be set 4 hours of work to do.

Work will be set according to your child's timetable. This means that work will appear each day for completion that day.

The type of work and task will vary from subject to subject. It may not be on a topic your child has been studying over the last few weeks, but will be directly related to the planned curriculum for Year 8.

Your child will be asked to use a variety of resources – PowerPoint, texts, and videos for example – to help them complete their work.

How will the work be provided?

Subjects will set work via our online homework platform, "Show My Homework". Resources will be attached and clear instructions of what to do will be given.

Home learning tasks will be colour coded red on Show My Homework (homework tasks are green).

No new homework tasks will be set for Year 8 during this period, although those set prior to 13th November are expected to be completed as usual.

Should your child not have access to a computer / the internet at home, please contact Mrs Davis (Head of Year 8) on pdavis@severnvaeschool.com who will be able to help provide a solution for you and your child.

How will work be checked / assessed?

The work your child completes over the following two weeks will be checked and assessed in a variety of ways. Some subjects will check learning via online quizzing, others will give feedback on work either via e-mail or in person once students return to school. It is important that your child follows staff instructions regarding what to do with their work once completed to enable this to happen.



What contact will my child have from school during this period?

Teachers will be using Zoom to contact your child to support them with their learning during this period. Zoom conversations will be conducted according to your child's timetable i.e. their teachers will be available during the time when they would normally be teaching them in school.

It is not compulsory for your child to attend every Zoom session and we know some students will not want to / need to or be able to. They will not be disadvantaged by not doing so. Please rest assured that completing the work set on Show My Homework is the most important thing.

ICT issues

Students should know their school log in to access their e-mails. In addition, they should know their password for Show My Homework and other online learning platforms staff will be using as they are well used as part of our every-day provision. Should your child have forgotten their password, please refer to the guidance from our ICT team below:

- If a student is not in school, and cannot access their account, their parent will need to e-mail in the details below to ResetPassword@severnvaeschool.com and we can then sort this out and reply to them with the new credentials. As well as Office 365, this will cover logins for websites that students use, if there is no facility to reset their own password on the website— e.g. Show My Homework, Educake, MathsWatch
 - Student Name
 - Year & Tutor Group
 - System requiring the password reset (e.g. Office 365/Educake etc)
- Parent e-mails will be verified against what we hold on SIMS for the student for data protection purposes

What if my child is ill / becomes ill?

If your child is ill or becomes ill during over this period, their health and well-being should, of course, take priority over completion of schoolwork. Once they are feeling better, they can let their teachers know and can join in with their learning.

Other points to note:

The first point of contact for your child should always be their class teacher. Should they have any general queries about their work - or their class teacher is unavailable - they should contact the subject leader using the "Contact Us" section of the school website.



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Please be mindful of the fact that your child's teachers are still in school teaching the other four year groups so will not be able to respond immediately to you or your child. Please also be aware that there may be occasional interruption to these systems should a member of our staff not be able to work due to illness.

Any general queries from you or your child should be directed to the school email account; SVS@severnvaeschool.com

As ever, the health and well-being of your child is paramount during this period. We can all only do our best.

Finally, thank you for supporting your child's continuing learning during these extraordinary times.

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