

Years 7 & 8 Digital Homework

At Park Vale Academy, we have embraced digital learning platforms as a proven way to accelerate learning and engage our youngsters. From the start of the new academic year, September 2022, we will be moving our homework tasks to a digital format and re-enforcing our homework policy with students and we ask for your support with this. As you are probably aware, homework is an important part of academic studies and helps students to learn independently, reinforces the learning done during school time and helps develop good self-discipline and work ethic, if done regularly and as requested.

Your child will already be familiar with online tools such as Class Charts and we want to give you an overview of some of the other online learning platforms that your child will need to access from home to complete their homework. Additional time will be spent in lessons to ensure all students are confident in accessing these sites and the work set on them. Additional support is available within school to address any issues that students may have. Alternatively, they can attend an after school homework club.

How much homework will be set for years 7 and 8?

- Maths, English and Science will set homework weekly
- Geography, History, and Spanish/French will set work fortnightly
- Art, Computing, Drama, DT, Music, RE – one subject per half term

Where can students access these platforms?

Homework and library clubs are held every day after school, where students can use ICT equipment, and if required, receive support from a member of staff. Homework set on the sites listed below can be completed using a phone, tablet, PC or laptop.

What if a student does not have a mobile phone or laptop to access online homework?

The academy will shortly carry out its annual digital survey to identify students who need to access the academy's laptop loan scheme. This is a free laptop loan scheme for students whilst attending Park Vale Academy and this can be applied for at any time during the year.

Where do I find out what homework has been set and when it is due?



ClassCharts Class Charts. All homework will be distributed via Class Charts an online platform for completion. Links to all platforms will be available from the homework task on Class Charts or directly by the links below if preferred. Teachers will guide students in their subject area and introduce the platforms they wish them to use. Teachers will set their homework on these platforms.

What are the digital platform students will use?



hegartymaths HegartyMaths is an online that provides top quality home learning to all students so that, along with fantastic teacher-led maths lessons in school, your child will be supported at home with their Maths learning.

<https://hegartymaths.com/>



Educake provides revision tests. Just choose the topics you want to revise and how many questions you want in the test. Educake will create a revision test for you instantly. Educake shows you your strengths and weaknesses in an easy to read red-amber-green table, so you can focus on the topics that need more work.

<https://www.educake.co.uk/>



Seneca Learning is the fastest growing homework & revision platform in the UK. Pick from 1000 KS3 and GCSE courses based on exam board specifications. Condensed content makes it perfect to help students remember concepts. Teachers will set assignments for students but students can also use materials for their own independent study.

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>



Bedrock Learning is a digital literacy curriculum perfect for study at home. By focusing on vocabulary, grammar and subject-specific terminology, Bedrock equips students with the language and literacy knowledge they need.

<https://bedrocklearning.org/home-learning/>



Language-Gym is a language-learning website packed with interactive self-marking activities and games. It covers both Spanish and French.

<https://uk.language-gym.com/>

What happens if my child does not complete homework?

Students that do not complete a piece of homework will be given a 30 minute after school detention and a message will be sent to parents informing them of their child's failure to complete a homework and the detention date. If a child continually fails to complete homework then it may become compulsory for them to attend the after school homework support clubs that the academy offers.

As ever, we appreciate all the support we receive from our parents. We would like to thank the majority of students and parents that help to ensure that good routines are in place at home and that homework is done regularly. Research clearly shows that pupils who do not routinely complete homework do not perform as well or achieve the same success as those that do.

As always, thank you for your support in this matter. If you have any questions please contact the academy office in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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