

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

### HOME LEARNING



All home learning is set by teachers online using ShowMyHomework. Parental PIN numbers are available but you can look at the whole school calendar via

<https://westbourne.showmyhomework.co.uk/school/homeworks/calendar?all=true>

Alternatively, you can click on the ShowMyHomework link which can be found on our website homepage.

#### Top Tips for Homework

- Check every evening to see if your child has been set home learning tasks.
- Help your child with organisation and managing time. Students should be working on the project over the set time and not rushing the project the night before the deadline.
- Buy a folder just for home learning work.
- Help your child plan ideas before starting the work.
- Encourage them to use a dictionary and thesaurus.
- Ensure that your child does not copy and paste huge amounts of information from the Internet. Also avoid Wikipedia if possible.
- Encourage your child to use the LRC (Learning Resource Centre) within school. The LRC contains a huge selection of books which can be used for research and computers. The LRC is open at break and lunchtimes.

### READING

Students need to read regularly in order to succeed in all aspects of school life. Increasingly GCSE exam papers are becoming more difficult and students need a reading age of at least thirteen to access the paper. We believe that students who read regularly will achieve in all subject areas.

A reading book is a vital part of school equipment and students need to bring a reading book every day. Students will need to read during some of their tutor periods.

Research has proven that students who read regularly make progress in all subject areas. Reading helps improve general comprehension and vocabulary skills.

#### Top Tips for Reading

- Encourage your child to read for at least fifteen minutes per evening.
- Listen to you child read aloud.
- Ask your child questions about what they are reading.
- Explain the meanings of words which they do not understand.

### ONLINE HOMEWORK SITES

#### DODDLE – For Science and English Homework

<https://www.doddlelearn.co.uk/app/login>

Password: Westbourne

User Name: ForenameSurname18

Students need to type in Westbourne Academy in the institution box. Their username is their forename followed by their surname and then 18 e.g. Joe Bloggs would be JoeBloggs18.

#### MATHSWATCH – For Maths Homework

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

User Name: [forename.surname@westbourne](mailto:forename.surname@westbourne)

Password: westbourne

#### ACCELERATED READER HOME CONNECT

<https://ukhosted5.renlearn.co.uk/2589695/HomeConnect>

Password: abc

The username is the first letter of your child's first name followed by the first four letters of their surname e.g. Joe Bloggs would be jblogg.

#### ACTIVE LEARN

[www.pearsonactivelearn.com](http://www.pearsonactivelearn.com)

All KS3 and KS4 students have access to Activelearn to support their language learning. Students will be issued with their login and password in their language lessons.

#### QUIZLET

All KS3 and KS4 students have access to a bespoke Quizlet account to aid them with learning vocabulary at home. Students will be issued with their login and password in their language lessons.

#### USEFUL SITES

##### BBC Education

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

Contains all subjects at KS3 and KS4. Each subject area has video clips and guides to key concepts. There is also the opportunity to take quizzes and tests.

##### Online Thesaurus

<http://www.thesaurus.com/>

Useful website to use when students are completing a piece of extended writing. Students can up level their vocabulary by typing in a word and finding synonyms.

If you or your child needs further assistance with logging into home learning, please contact your child's form tutor. You may email form tutors by visiting the following page of our website and clicking on your child's House name.  
<http://www.westbourne.atrust.org.uk/Contact/Contact-details/>