



This newsletter is designed to give some more clarity and guidance in relation to home learning in these unprecedented times. We would like to begin by thanking you as parents for supporting your children to engage with the work set. Home learning is a new challenge for us all and we are acutely aware of the challenges that it presents at home. We are in admiration of how pupils are rising to this challenge and putting in their best endeavours despite the difficult circumstances.

### **Learning at home:**

#### **Learning hours at home**

- We advise 2-3 hours of guided learning each day using the home learning area of the website. There is also an enrichment section to guide students in areas of interest and in support their wellbeing
- Please be reassured we are not expecting you to teach your children, the work provided should enable students to work largely independently with just some parental guidance
- Any dates/timescales given out by staff for work submission are there to provide structure and support pupils in managing work. Of course we would like pupils to meet these deadlines, but we understand this may not always be possible
- All set work will be available on the website for two weeks before being removed
- Any students who cannot access the online learning can request a paper pack to be collected from school. These requests can be made using the following email address: [homelearning@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@brineleas.co.uk).
- Students also need to look after their wellbeing. There is a section in the home learning area of the website entitled 'Enrichment' which offers non-curriculum activities to participate in

#### **How to access learning resources**

- Pupils to use the home learning section of the website to access the instruction sheets for each subject. There are further resources provided by staff in the Shared Area and, for some classes (years 10 and 12), staff are using Microsoft Teams/OneNote for further study
- The password for the home learning section of the website is: : *(please contact [homelearning@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@brineleas.co.uk) for this information)*
- Year 10 and 12 pupils will need to access their school email in order to access Teams and OneNote.
- We of course understand home learning can take many guises and encourage pupils to undertake other opportunities being offered such as PE with Joe Wickes, virtual museum tours, watching documentaries etc
- BBC Bitesize: From 20 April, you'll be able to access regular daily lessons in English and Maths, as well as other core subjects, in an expanded version of the BBC Bitesize website and also on special programmes broadcast on BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button. Bitesize also has an app. This will be providing daily lessons for 14 and 15 year olds. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- For older students, BBC Four is also joining forces with Red Button for evening programmes to support the GCSE and A Level curriculum
- As you may have heard from the government the Oaks academy has now been launched where teachers are providing online lessons. <https://www.thenational.academy/>

#### **Feedback**

- Feedback in school is provided in many different ways and similarly with home learning. Feedback will be provided through whole class feedback sheets, model answers, quiz answers, common misconceptions and shared success criteria. The access to feedback will be indicated in the home learning section of the website
- It would be great to see some of you hard at work – please share any learning successes, new learning, anything made/created etc. via the email below, and we would love to share these with the school

## Transition

**This is day 11 of school closures and we know for our Year 11 and 13 students their year has been cut short. We haven't forgotten you and would like to support you through to the next phase of education!**

- Year 11: We are providing transition work for Y11 students to access, regardless of their intended destination for September. These transition tasks aim to close the gap between GCSE learning and A level learning, help students to make their final subject choices, or simply to keep their minds active over the subsequent months ahead. The Bridging Tasks are available for many of the subjects offered at Brine Leas Sixth Form and can be accessed via the BL6 website <http://www.bl6.org.uk> alongside the main school website now. The tasks are password protected and again the password is: *(please contact [homelearning@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:homelearning@brineleas.co.uk) for this information)*  
There are many subjects up and ready for you now, with subjects being added throughout this week, so do keep checking back!
- For those Year 11 students who have applied to BL6, the BL6 team will be contacting anyone who has a clash of subjects on their timetable now that the option blocks have been fixed for September 2020. We will also be carrying out IAGs over the telephone, so if your son/daughter has not had their BL6 pathways interview yet expect to hear from us!
- Year 11 and 13: We have signed up to two of Eton College's courses which we feel will help to support your transition to the next phase of your education – no matter what your destination might be! Year 11 will have access to the 'Writing Skills' course and Year 13 to the 'Research Skills' course. Please keep an eye on the home learning section of the website for login details. We hope that you find the course useful!

Stay safe and take care!