

Hayle Academy

Dear Parent/ Carer

I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our Year 7 students and families; we have been very impressed by our Year 7 students' approach to their classroom learning since the start of September. As an enhancement to their in-class learning, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you details about our homework and home learning provision.

As part of our commitment to ensuring that all of our students achieve their potential, Hayle Academy believes that every student should have the opportunity to benefit from high-quality, regular homework as an important and integral part of the learning.

As you are aware, to support our students' transition to Hayle Academy, homework has not been set for the first three weeks. However, homework will be introduced from Monday 28th September as part of a phased, rolling programme.

Show My Homework

I am pleased to share details about how our students and our parents can access our online platform, Show My Homework. Teachers will set homework using this web-based platform, which shares details of the work, resources, and hand in dates. This is an online tool that helps our students to organise and manage their homework effectively through their 'to-do' list.

Homework will be set via Show My Homework for Year 7 students from Monday 28th September in the following subjects as part of a phased approach, which in turn will support students to manage their time and to build on their subject resilience:

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| From 28.9.20 onwards | English, Maths and Science - set weekly 30 minutes per subject |
| In addition, from 2.11.20 | Spanish and Humanities – set fortnightly Up to 30 minutes per subject per fortnight No homework will be set in other subjects. NB: Ingredients for food technology will be listed on 'Show My Homework' when practicals re-commence. |

In addition to the subject- based homework assignments, students are expected to read for at least 20 minutes a day of their own choice of text. Examples include: a reading book, non-fiction news article or further reading around a subject, but the choice of text should be appropriately challenging and should promote enjoyment of reading.

Student Account

If your child has not yet created a Show My Homework account in school, they will need to do so by visiting: <https://satchelone.com/pin> or by opening the Satchel One mobile app. They need to use the individual student pin number which is provided in the information accompanying this letter. They then follow the instructions to create a memorable password. All students need to use their Hayle Academy student email address, which is formatted in the following way: school user

number@student.hayleacademy.net. Their school user number is the same as the one they use to access the school computers.

Parent Account

As part of our valued partnership, we would like to invite all of our parents to create an account by visiting <https://satchelone.com/signup> or by opening the Satchel One mobile app. This will enable you to keep track of the homework set for your child and to receive updates when work has been submitted. Your individual log-in details are included with this letter to enable you to access the platform directly. This includes an individualised parent code that you will need to use to create your parent account. Thank you in advance for your support.

Home Learning for Self-Isolating Students

Furthermore, teachers will also set home learning for those small number of students who are self-isolating via Show My Homework. This work will be set as a flexible task for all students with the phrase 'self-isolating students' contained in the title. If students are attending school, there is not an additional requirement that they complete this work. However, it is important that in light of the ongoing national pandemic, students are able to access their learning remotely in a seamless way if required to do so. If there are any barriers to learning at home for your child, such as access to the internet, please do contact us for further support via our Year 7 Pastoral Lead Mr Wyatt: clive.wyatt@hayleacademy.net.

Submission of Homework

All work will be submitted via Show My Homework for feedback unless students have been specifically directed by their teacher to submit using Google Classroom. Google Classroom is a tool that enables the school community to connect, share resources, ideas and work without the need for uploading. It is the platform that is also used for Google Meet. Class codes for Google Classroom are published on Show My Homework.

How to log into Google Classroom

To log into Google Classroom, your child will need to visit this website: <https://classroom.google.com>. Your child's username for Google Classroom will be their school email address, which our students already use as their Show My Homework username. Their school email address will be formatted in the following way: username number@student.hayleschool.net

Their password when accessing it for the first time is: Studentpassword1

If you experience any difficulties with the school email address when logging into the account, please do contact our IT technical support team via passwordreset@tpacademytrust.org.

Once logged in, they will be asked to confirm their role: please click on 'I am a student'.

Support materials

To help to support your child, I highly recommend that your child watches a short video with the following link that shows how to log into and hand work in through Google Classroom: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-O4q8rEay8&feature=youtu.be>. This has been created and shared by one of our Trust secondary partnership schools.

Once your child has logged into their Google Classroom account, they will then be able to join the classes that their teacher has asked them to join, using a class code that will be published on Show My Homework as part of the work assignment set. Students are able to submit work without the need to upload any documents or photos. The document will be live in their Google folder and teachers will be able to see this directly. They can type straight onto the worksheets or type on a blank Word document, for example. They will also benefit from real-time feedback—teachers can view, comment, and edit student work in real time.

All Year 7 students will be supported through their Computer Science lessons over the next fortnight with their Show My Homework and Google Classroom log-ins. They will also receive a card for them to record their log-in information; it is important that they keep these details safe.

Thank you for your continued support as we introduce our homework rolling programme and our platforms to continue to further enhance our homework and home learning provision for our students. There is a lot of information contained in this letter. If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school through enquiries@hayleacademy.net.

Best wishes

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