

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer,

HegartyMaths Home Learning Programme

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an exciting home learning maths programme we are launching for all students to support their home learning, both during this pandemic and beyond.

The aim of this programme is to provide a top quality home learning platform to students; your child will be supported at home with their maths learning. Often maths work at home can be difficult to get right. At home students may struggle to remember concepts they learnt in class and parents often find it challenging to help their child through the methods as they were different methods to when they were at school.

This HegartyMaths system makes it easier for a child to engage with their maths work. It teaches (via 10 minute videos), assesses (in short quizzes of usually 10 questions) and tracks everything a child needs to learn in school maths. The programme aims to have a positive impact in the following areas:

- 1) Student intrinsic motivation for learning maths and their attitudes towards maths
- 2) Student attainment in maths
- 3) Parental ability to assist in your child's maths learning.

Your child will receive one task a day from the HegartyMaths platform and each task should take about 30 minutes to complete properly. Your child may choose to complete more work should they wish to do so, but this is not a requirement.

The HegartyMaths tasks will consist of two main parts:

- 1) Watching and taking detailed notes in their workbook from one of the 10-minute videos
- 2) Doing the quiz that follows the video showing full working in their workbooks.

The system has been working effectively with students across the country as the video is closely related to the quiz. The video also models with a tutor who explains a concept and then lets a child practice that exact concept afterwards.

Every day the teacher will set a task that is suitable for your child. Our main focus is on the effort that your child puts into their tasks, the care they take with their notes and the pride they take in their work. All notes and all answers to the quizzes must be written in their workbooks and students should mark their work in their books as they go along on the computer. It is fine to make mistakes and students should be encouraged to write the mistakes in their book, write the correct answer - which the computer will show them - and retry any question they struggle with as this will encourage good learning habits and will take the fear out of making mistakes in maths.

Your child will be told by their teacher how to log-in to the site but in short

- 1) Go to www.hegartymaths.com
- 2) Existing users, student login (at the top)
- 3) Type in the school name
- 4) Write in their first name, last name and date of birth
- 5) Choose a password of their choice. Students should write this password in their planners, maths homework books and **parents/carers should take a copy of the password in case your child forgets it.**

If for any reason your child will have any difficulty accessing the online work, please can you email kate.jones@hayleacademy.net

If you are interested in finding out more information about HegartyMaths, please use the following links:

<https://hegartymaths.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-35592440>

(<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/the1000/the-progress-1000-londons-most-influential-people-2016-mathematics-a3335331.html>)

Thank you very much for reading this letter and for your continued support, working in partnership with us.

Very best wishes

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