

Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning at Key Stage Three in English

We have recently issued a username and password for something called Educake. Educake is an online homework and revision system for secondary schools. Students can use it on their PC, tablet or smartphone by going to www.educake.co.uk

Your child's teacher might set quizzes for homework or classwork in Educake. Quizzes can be retaken as many times as students want to improve their score. Every question is auto marked, and students get instant feedback.

Educake makes revision easy and effective. Students can set themselves quizzes for more practice. They can see how they are doing on every topic and can identify areas to revise based on their progress.

We are going to be using Educake for home learning in English each week.

So, does this replace reading home learning?

No, reading is still a very important part of studying English. Your child will still be required to log their daily reading in their Reading Record.

The Educake quiz should take approximately 10 - 15 minutes. This will assess their knowledge of key terms or reading comprehension of an extract. Quizzes are multiple choice and if they don't get a question right the first time, they can try again to improve their score. This gives students the opportunity to revise key terms they have learnt already and for us to see and understand students' comprehension. The aim of these activities is to both build resilience and knowledge.

These home learnings can be completed all on one day, or broken down into chunks across the week.

Reading weeks (as per the school calendar) may mean an adjustment to the usual home learning schedule.

Expectations

We expect your child to complete both home learnings per week and to put in an appropriate level of effort.

If your child is finding a piece of home learning challenging, our first piece of advice is for them to either email or see their class teacher first. This is to encourage them to take responsibility for their learning and gives them an opportunity to share with their teacher what they are finding more difficult. Their class teacher can then offer help, as the home learning is designed to support and prepare them with the level of academic rigour they will encounter in English lessons as they move up through the school. We are approachable and offer support before consequence, but if your child is missing deadlines, H1 and H2 detentions will be issued and students should take responsibility for managing their studies.

Yours faithfully,

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