



Countdown to summer

As you have now completed your assessments and we head into the final weeks of term, your subject teachers will once again be setting work for you to complete. This document gives you some extra details of the bespoke learning packages that have been set up for you in English, Science and Maths. You should use this as a guide alongside the VLE to make sure you get the most out of these last two weeks, and are ready to restart school in Year 11.

English

GCSE modern texts study

For the final two weeks of English home learning this term, our focus is on completing our study of your GCSE modern text ("**Lord of the Flies**" or "**An Inspector Calls**"). You will need to:

1. Complete the last two weeks of reading, activities and quizzes posted on the VLE - <https://vle.westhillschool.co.uk/course/view.php?id=373>
2. Catch up with any reading, activities and quizzes that you may have missed from week 7 onward.
3. Make sure your quotation booklets are complete by copying all the notes from the VLE.
4. Make sure you fully understand the plot, characters, themes and contexts of your modern text. Online resources such as BBC Bitesize and Sparknotes.com are a good place to start with this, and there are lots of helpful videos on Youtube. You can always email your English teacher with any questions that are not answered by these resources.

It is vital that you do this because we will not have much time in year 11 to return to this topic. When we do return to "Lord of the Flies" or "An Inspector Calls" later in the Autumn, we need everybody to be at the same secure level of knowledge and understanding.

Personalised feedback and learning

For the last week of term, your English teacher will be using the VLE to give you some individual feedback on the work you have completed through home learning. This will direct you to specific video links and MRI activities that will help you to improve your essay writing and imaginative writing.

Getting ready for Year 11

In September, we will begin year 11 study with AQA Anthology poetry - Power and Conflict poems and AQA GCSE English Language Paper 2. It would be good preparation between now and then to spend some time reading around these subjects. There are lots of resources and information already available on the VLE!

Science

You will receive specific feedback relating to your mock examinations. As part of that feedback, you will be signposted to complete specific tasks, which will address areas of comparative weakness or misconception and allow us to tailor your learning needs to you for the final weeks of the academic year. You will be required to watch a video clip of a lesson and complete a task for each area for development.

The feedback will be emailed to each of you, individually and the resources will be accessible through the Science area on the VLE. If you have problems with internet access, you can use your revision guides and work books by looking for the relevant section in the contents pages.

Maths

For the final weeks of home learning in Maths you will be using Hegarty Maths www.hegartymaths.com. You have been given a new book to do this work in, this should build up a bank of revision for you, so make sure you write titles and task numbers so you can use it in the future. You will need to bring your Hegarty exercise book back to school when you return in Year 11, so make sure you are using it properly!

Logging On

If you have not yet logged in go to the website and follow these steps:

1. Choose student log in (green button top right)
2. Type 'West Hill School' (3 words) and choose the one in Stalybridge SK15 1LX
3. Enter your first and last name as it is on the register (eg Thomas not Tom)
4. Enter your date of birth
5. Create your own password and follow the instructions
6. If you ask for a password reset your teacher will email you to tell you this has been done.

Completing a Task

When you log on you will see a red alert on 'my work' if you have tasks to complete. Click on this and choose to start or complete a task.

This is the ROUTINE you need to follow for EVERY task you complete (either set or completed by choice):

1. Watch the lesson video in FULL
2. Take useful notes including any examples shown in the video
3. Answer the practice questions (mark/correct in green pen) in your book
4. Complete the quiz questions for each task. Show all of your working out in your book
5. Submit the quiz by clicking 'get score' after the last question is marked. You then get the option to retake, review or move to the next task

You will see a red alert bell to the right of 'my work' if you have any feedback to read:

1. You need to read this and respond as appropriate (going back to your answers or replying to your teacher)
2. Mark the feedback comment as 'read' so your teacher knows you have done this.
3. You can leave comments on any answers. Your teacher will respond and support you.

Hints and Tips

- Do the tasks in numerical order as they build up, task by task.
- You will struggle with the questions if you do not watch the video in full. They are designed to get more challenging.
- The quiz questions change slightly when you redo them, you can't rely on your previous answers.
- Click the 'help' or 'watch video' button on the right if you get stuck – this will take you to the appropriate part of the video.
- You can hide the keyboard by clicking the red keyboard icon (bottom right) but you will need it to enter answers in fraction and index notation etc.
- Your teacher can see all of your activity on Hegarty, make sure you use all of the built in functions and develop your independence before using the comment and feedback functions to get help from your teacher.

Final notes

Your teachers and I have been so impressed with your effort and engagement throughout the school closure, it proves how independent you are. We are looking forward to next year when we can continue your learning journey into Year 11. Until then, take care.

Mrs Barton