

26th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

In these difficult times of uncertainty for us all I wanted to get in touch with some important updates from our senior team. Before these however I wanted to thank you all for your support and kind messages over the past week. Being in isolation with my own family over the past seven days, what I have learnt is that among the grief and the despair, there is positivity traveling alongside it. Call it British resolve or human tenacity, the nation has come together to support our key workers and frontline NHS staff to make sure we unite against the uncertainties ahead. In this way Oasis Academies continue to provide childcare for those families who cannot make other arrangements and are on the front line of our current battle against COVID-19.

With schools looking set to be closed for most of the Summer term, we will soon be sharing with you our new online learning platform for students. Using a free-for-families online service called Microsoft Teams, we will be delivering lessons to all year groups shortly after Easter. Below is some helpful information Mr Thompson, Deputy Principal has collated for families and it is important all students have accessed their online email account as this will be needed to access Microsoft Teams once we begin our online learning timetable:

Home learning

Students were provided with knowledge organisers and self-quizzing resources on their last day in school and should be using these daily to quiz. Details of our curriculum can be found on the Academy website (within the “Curriculum” section); knowledge organisers can also be found on the Academy website (in the “Learning Resources” section). We will be launching “live” online lessons in Microsoft Teams gradually after the Easter break, until then we want to provide you with as many resources as possible to support student learning at home.

We have looked at various online platforms which will support home learning, and also have set some specific tasks for subjects where online platforms were not suitable. This letter outlines key information about what resources to use and how to access these.

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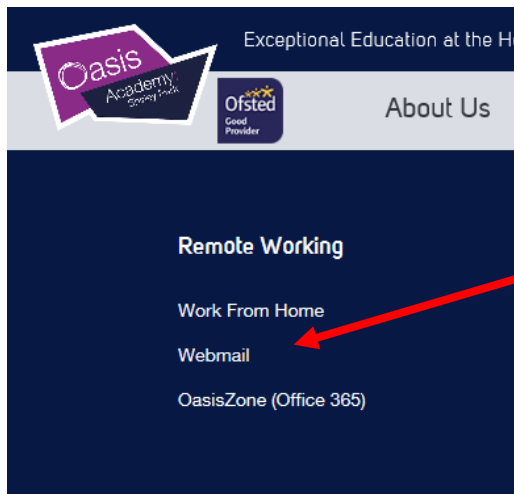
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Live lessons from home

We will be introducing “live” online lessons in the Summer term. For this, students will need access to their Academy email address. To access, please visit the Academy website and scroll to the bottom of the page. In the “Remote Working” section select “Webmail.” This will also allow students to email their teachers with any questions.



Once selected students can log in.

If there is an issue logging in, using a different email address please email servicedesk@oasisuk.org outlining the student, school and issue.

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Online learning platforms

Below are the online learning platforms to use at home, which support our curriculum.

Subject	Platform and task	Login
Maths	Hegarty Maths: Website with videos and quizzes on hundreds of different areas of Maths. Students to complete the work set or search for a topic they need extra help with at the top. Students can also request for their teacher to set further work.	Go to www.hegartymaths.com and click 'Student Log in' at the top right hand corner of the screen. Type in the Academy's name and student details. If the student has not logged in before they can create a password. If they have forgotten their password then they can request a reset from their teacher. Any issues email Mejd.benkortbi@oasisshirleypark.org
Science	Seneca: An online learning tool that supports students learning and allows students to check their learning. For Science, students should complete the online KS3 Science course.	Go to https://www.senecalearning.com/ and sign up. Then filter the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age group: KS3 • Subject: Science Any issues email Robert.owen@oasisshirleypark.org
Geography	Seneca: An online learning tool that supports students learning and allows students to check their learning. For Geography, students should focus on the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography Skills • Earthquakes and Volcanoes • Weather and Climate • Development • Rivers • Africa 	Go to https://www.senecalearning.com/ and sign up. Then filter the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age group: KS3 • Subject: Geography. Any issues email Magdalena.komorowska@oasisshirleypark.org

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<p>History</p>	<p>Seneca:</p> <p>An online learning tool that supports students learning and allows students to check their learning. For History, students should focus on the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Norman Conquest • The Crusades • The Renaissance and Reformations • The British Empire 	<p>Go to https://www.senecalearning.com/ and sign up. Then filter the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age group: KS3 • Subject: History <p>Any issues email Kirsty.banks@oasisshirleypark.org</p>
<p>Spanish</p>	<p>Duolingo:</p> <p>An app which allows students to complete games and quizzes to practice vocabulary and grammar in Spanish. The content builds from a basic level and the app moves to different topics based on student's progress.</p>	<p>In link provided students can join the class for their year group and sign up: https://www.duolingo.com/o/xuqegg</p> <p>Any issues email Lucia.ruggiero@oasisshirleypark.org</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Bandlab:</p> <p>An online platform where students can experiment and create their own music.</p>	<p>Follow the steps below to create a new account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit https://edu.bandlab.com/ • Click on 'Start as a Student' • Type in the code: ZBIWINX • Enter your name, email and a password • Click on sign up • Choose a username and press continue • Choose your year group (yr 7, yr 8 or yr 9) • Click on 'Start assignment' • Click on 'Teacher's assignment' • You should now be on the BandLab music editor! Experiment with the options and have a go at making your own music! (Tip: Click 'browse loops' on the opening page to use some pre-made sounds. Drag these into the middle to add them to your track.) <p>Any issues email Tom.lancaster@oasisshirleypark.org</p>

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Other tasks

We have also provided other resources below for subjects where online platforms do not link to our curriculum. Some supplementary resources have also been provided from some subject areas. The tasks are briefly outlined below and the tasks in full are available at the end of this letter.

Subject	Task	Contact
English	Reading task and questions	Any issues email Michael.healy@oasisshirleypark.org
Science	Students will be sent weekly work sheets to use with BBC Bitesize KS3 Physics starting with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy • Sound and Light • Forces 	Any issues email Robert.owen@oasisshirleypark.org
History	History project	Any issues email Kirsty.banks@oasisshirleypark.org
Geography	Revision pack	Any issues email Magdalena.komorowska@oasisshirleypark.org
Art	Art project	Any issues email Francesca.sealey@oasisshirleypark.org

Other home learning activities

There are other activities that will support students learning at home:

- **Reading:** students should read for at least half an hour this day. This could be a book, or articles online. A reading list for your year group is attached.
- **Self-quizzing:** students should self-quiz every day using the knowledge organisers provided. Please use the self-quizzing guidance sheet to support.

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- **Physical exercise:** Joe Wicks is holding a live PE lessons to be completed in your home on his Youtube Channel every day at 9am.
Visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1> .
- We have also attached a range of online **Dance** classes that could get the whole family moving!
- **Get creative:** we want students to be as creative as possible whilst at home. Please see the supporting information from Music.
- **BBC Bitesize:** a great website with lots of learning resources and activities for students.

We hope you find these resources helpful and supportive for your son/daughter's studying at home.

For any queries, please utilise the email contacts for each subject detailed, alternatively for any general enquiries, please email the Academy office at admin@oasisshirleypark.org and this will be directed to the relevant department or teacher.

Thank you again for your patience whilst this detail has been compiled, together with your partnership with the Academy.

With kind regards,



Saqib Chaudhri
Principal, Secondary phase and Sixth Form

Appendices

- Science home learning.
- English home learning.
- History project.
- Art independent project.
- Year 7 Geography revision pack.
- KS3 reading list.
- Online Dance practical lessons.
- Creativity at home information: **Music**
- Self-quizzing guidance.

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