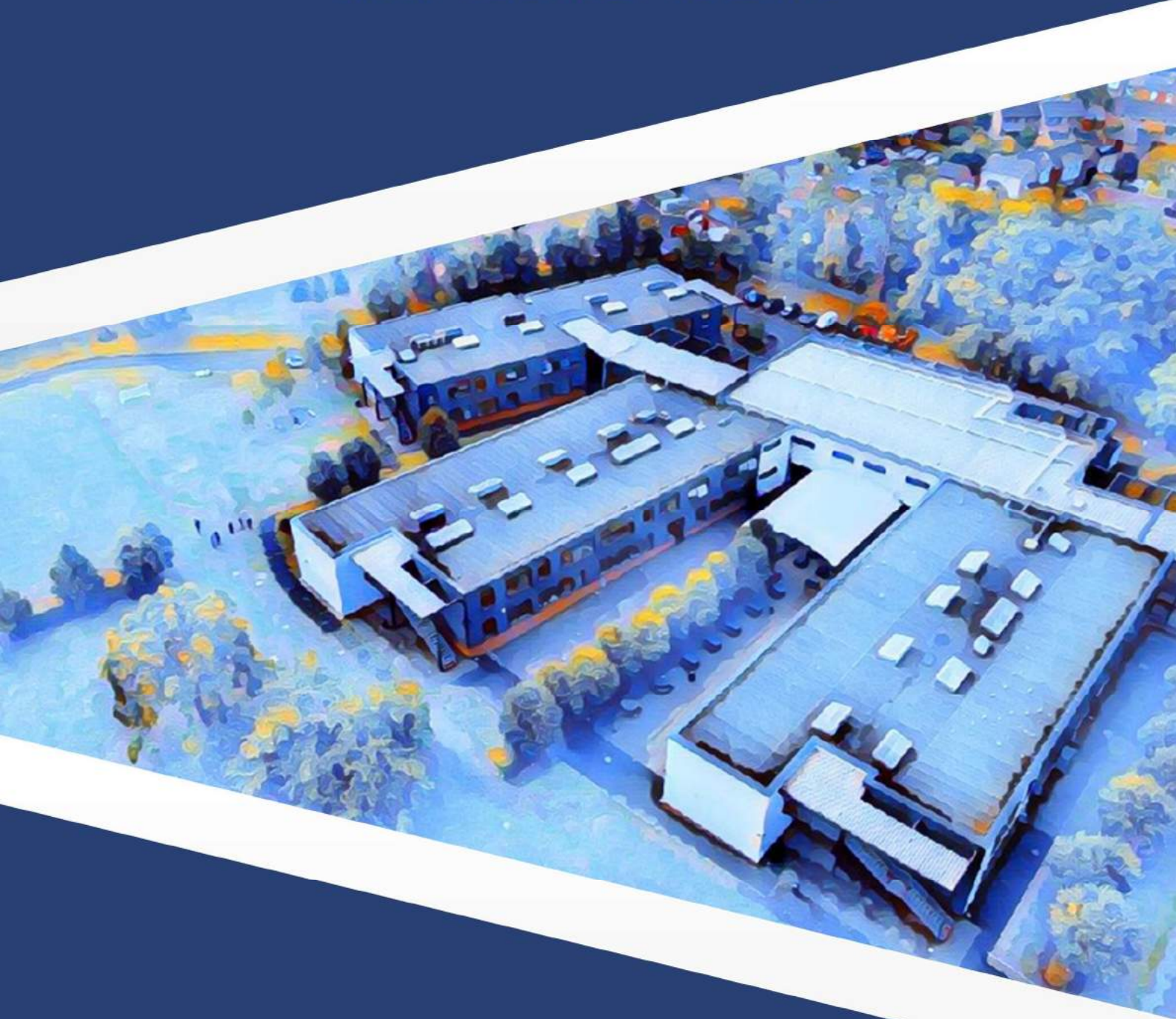




THE MALLING SCHOOL
CARING - DETERMINED - REFLECTIVE



HOMEWORK

INFORMATION FOR NEW PARENTS



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HOMEWORK AT THE MALLING SCHOOL VISION

The Malling School is an IB (International Baccalaureate) World School, and our aim is to empower our students to develop the IB Learner Profile attributes throughout the curriculum and ensure that our students are well equipped for all the opportunities and challenges our rapidly changing world will provide. The Malling School believes that homework extends learning beyond the classroom and enhances the curriculum providing meaningful opportunities to contextualise big ideas, critically evaluate and seize opportunities for reflection that leads to the student's overall growth and development. We believe that homework supports the students in becoming self-regulated learners, developing independence, a strong work ethic and organisation.

THE MALLING SCHOOL BELIEVES THAT HOME LEARNING...

- Enables students to be knowledgeable and reflective through consolidating and reinforcing their skills and understanding.
- Encourages students to be enquirers, providing students with opportunities for pre-learning, pre-reading and research prior to experiencing topic content in the lesson with the teacher, nurturing student's curiosity and developing their skills for inquiry.
- Can become a part of the family routine: developing positive study skills and habits such as self-discipline and organisation which will serve students well in adult life.
- Builds a positive partnership between home and school and enables parents to be involved in their child's education. This encourages students to be balanced individuals recognising the importance of balancing different aspects of their lives and recognising our interdependence with the world in which we live in.
- Is most effective when it compliments and enhances the learning experienced in lessons and throughout the curriculum and therefore is strategically planned, issued and reviewed by teachers.



HOMEWORK AT THE MALLING SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

Classroom teachers are responsible for monitoring the completion of homework and set appropriate sanctions if it is not completed or not completed to an appropriate standard. Sanctions for the non-completion of homework are set by the classroom teacher and will involve a detention should homework not be completed on time.

SUBJECTS

Transitioning to year 7 and secondary school is a big event with lots of change in our young students' lives. There is so much to learn and get accustomed to. This is why year 7 in Term 1 will only be issued homework for the core subjects; English, Maths, and Science.

These subjects use different media to issue and complete their homework because those are the most effective strategies.

Term 1 will provide the students time to get used to these expectations and routines before introducing additional subjects. In Term 2 we will add the EBacc subjects and in Term 3 they will have a full homework timetable.

Each term we will issue new guides to students and families.

TRAINING

Before any subject issues a single piece of homework for year 7 they will have training sessions within lesson time learning about the expectations and routines, how to be successful, and what to do if they need support.

SUPPORT & COMMUNICATION

Our pastoral and academic teams will use the data when homework is missed to identify students who need additional support.

In many cases, the pastoral teams will contact home or arrange meetings in school to explore barriers to homework and agree on strategies for improvement.

Please email y7homework@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk with any queries.

In term one there will be a homework drop in session for parents/carers to attend to discuss any queries you may have. This will be held on Tuesday 15th October.

The MyChildAtSchool app will notify parents when homework has been set and when it is due.

This will help parents support their children with being successful with their homework.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Every day we host a homework club in our school library: after school from 3:20 to 16:00.

The club is supervised by a highly experience member of staff who is available to support students with their homework routines and completion.

The library has its own dedicated supply of 30 new laptops specifically for use at homework club.

Students do not need to book before attending and can turn up any day that they need the provision.

Some students who are struggling with homework completion will be encouraged to commit to attending homework club.

YEAR 7 HOMEWORK IN TERM ONE

All homework set will be communicated to students via Microsoft Teams and parents via **MyChildAtHome**.

Students will be given full training in their lessons on how to access and complete their homework, and online videos modelling this will be available to students and parents at the beginning of term 1.

» English

English homework will be set once a week and should be completed in the homework booklet handed out at the beginning of term one. It will consist of one REVISE IT task and one DO IT task.

The REVISE IT task will require students to 'revise' and learn something as directed by the homework booklet. Students should spend about 10 minutes per day revising. On the 'due date' students will complete a knowledge check in class.

The DO IT task will require students to complete various activities in the homework booklet. These should be completed and the booklet should be brought to the lesson on the 'due date'.

» Maths

Maths homework will be set once a week by their teacher on the online platform Sparx. Students should complete all work they are set. Students will have one week to complete this work.

www.selectschool.sparxmaths.uk

» Science

Science homework will be set once a week. Students will be given a set of recall questions and answers to learn via Microsoft Teams. They will have a week to learn these and will be tested on them as part of their Science lessons the following week.

Students should also log in to the online platform Tassomai and complete their weekly goal on Tassomai. In total students should spend about 45 minutes doing this across the week. We recommend doing this across 4 days. Students will be notified when they have completed their weekly goal via a message on tassomai.

www.app.tassomai.com/login

» To prepare your child

Please help to prepare your child by deciding with them what password they will use for the online platforms. This password can be used for all platforms and needs to be a minimum of 7 letters including a capital letter, a lower-case letter, and a number or special character.