

April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## Home Learning and Assessment

### How can I access the work?

We will be continuing to provide home learning resources for students in Years 7-10. Pack 1 was issued on 23 March and Pack 2 will be available from Monday 20 April on the school website at [www.johnwillmottschool.co.uk](http://www.johnwillmottschool.co.uk). These resources are available via the pupil drive and information regarding how to access this is detailed below. Parents who have requested paper copies will have them posted out during the Easter break. The Inclusion team have also provided differentiated resources for key students and these will be posted out separately.

Students will need to use their normal school login details to be able to access them. If there are any problems regarding this please contact the school via the enquiry line at [enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk).

### Does all work need to be completed?

It is a difficult task for teachers to tailor work for individual students during school closures. They will not be able to take account of home circumstances for each child, facilities they have at home, supervision by parents or carers and so on. Therefore, teachers will set the amount of work they would normally expect to cover with each of their classes weekly. There is no expectation that all of this work must be completed by each child. The work should be self-managed by parents, carers and students.

Whilst the majority of the work will be to review, revise, and embed knowledge already covered in school, students will have their Summer Term Knowledge Organisers included in pack 3 for them to undertake pre-learning of material which will be delivered on the return to school.

### What happens if my child does not understand what they have to do?

If students do have any questions about the work they are completing, we are providing subject email addresses below for you to use. The email addresses are there purely to communicate with subject areas if there are any misconceptions or further understanding on the topic is needed from their teachers.

mathsstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
sciencestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
geographystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
restudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
businessstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
musicstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
artstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk

englishstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
mflstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
historystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
socialsciencestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
technologystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
pestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk  
dramastudents@jws.bham.sch.uk

Please be aware that these email addresses will not be monitored during the school holidays. We will though endeavour to respond as quickly as possible to enquiries, but you will appreciate that this will be influenced by staff availability.

Alternatively, please contact school on 0121 378 1946 where a message will be given to the relevant member of staff to contact them.

### **What are the PiXL Mats?**

If your child is in Years 7-9 they will receive a mat of activities designed to revise, review and refine their knowledge and understanding. Students will be encouraged to get as many points as they can which will contribute to House Points. The activities are differentiated and seek to develop and promote independence and resilience. Please do encourage your child to challenge themselves as much as possible.

### **How will my child be assessed?**

#### **Students in Years 7-9**

Using their Spring and Summer Term Knowledge Organisers students will be asked to complete low stake questions the week beginning 18 May which will be self-assessed using subject packs, available after half term. In addition, students will be required to complete a diagnostic self-reflection grid which can be shared with their subject staff to inform planning. The testing will be sharply focused on key skills and knowledge so students can clearly identify gaps in their own learning. The mark scheme will also provide clear guidance on what students should do to improve and build on their success.

#### **Students in Year 10**

Students in Year 10 will receive a set of questions sharply focused on skills derived from their GCSE Specification's Assessment Objectives. These questions will be based in taught material and skills key to their GCSE courses. In self-assessing, students will not only be able to consider gaps in their knowledge, but they will also be able to identify skills they need to develop further. The mark scheme they will receive separately will be both diagnostic and also deliver clear guidance on how to improve for each assessment objective which has been assessed.

### **What if I can't access online resources?**

With regard to IT queries:-

Mathswatch password resets to [enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk)

Anything else request via: - [ITadvice@atlp.org.uk](mailto:ITadvice@atlp.org.uk) - This will ensure that you are liaising directly with our ICT Support.

Please complete the following details: -

Student Name:

Student username if possible:

Student School:

Details of query:

Contact Email:

Alternatively contact the school directly on 0121 378 1946

### **Will my child run out of work to do?**

There is a wide variety and vast amount of work for students to complete, however if students feel they need to develop and broaden their understanding and independence, please see below:

There is a large bank of resources on the Pupil Drive, accessible via the website, labelled PiXL Home Learning. This has been differentiated into Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

Further resources can be found on the red banner on the school website: please refer to 'Educational Websites for Students': <https://johnwillmottschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Free-websites-for-parents-to-access.pdf>.

Yours faithfully

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