

What we'll continue doing

Your child's learning is important to us, so during the closure we'll continue to support our students by:

- Our website www.parkvaleacademy.org.uk where parents and students can find up to date information about our plans to re-open and our remote support
- Our twitter account will also carry information from the website @ParkVale_Acad
- Show My Homework [SMHW] where work will be distributed for students to undertake and links provided to resources
- In anticipation of a closure some staff have provided students with a resource pack prior to the closure which students can work through
- Independent learning available through online sites – links on website

Parental Guidance for Home Learning:

We ask you as parents to do everything you can to ensure that your children complete all of the work set each day to prevent them falling behind in their long term education.

- The first important point would be to replicate the school day as much as possible. It is important to have regular rest breaks and schedule times for lunch, breaks etc. Obviously each school day is the same in terms of timings so keeping things as normal as possible would be an excellent place to start.
- It is also important to break the day in to small chunks, which is what schools do with subjects. Having slots for different subjects will minimise boredom and keep the brain engaged. Your child's normal timetable is an ideal structure to follow as it breaks the day up in to hour slots for subjects across the week.

Following some of the points below should also help maximise home learning and retention of information:

- Creating a designated work environment, this could be at a kitchen table, in the lounge or in the bedroom. The key is that this is the place where students go to work and complete tasks. Moving around to different areas of the house may also benefit engagement levels and keep the learning interesting.
- Create a schedule for the week – this could be as simple as timings throughout the day and what learning is taking place when. Your child's normal timetable is an ideal structure to follow as it breaks the day up in to hour slots for each subject across the week. **An example is shown below:**

An example only of possible timings and subjects broken in to small chunks across a day/ week					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.00 am	Maths	Art	English	Science	Spanish
10.00 – 11.00 am	Spanish	Maths	Science	English	Science
11.00 -11.30 am	Break time				
11.30 – 12.30pm	History	English	Spanish	IT	Maths
12.30 – 1.15pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	lunch
1.15 -2.15pm	Geography	RE	Maths	Geography	History
2.15 – 3.15pm	English	PE	History	Art	RE

We understand that not everyone will have access to the internet. If this is the case could you, please let us know and we will try to provide work. There are plenty of other activities available to do without access to a computer. These include:

- Reading a book (if you have limited books at home, we can provide some for you.)
- Book reviews
- Poetry / writing stories
- Drawing/doing some art work or another creative activity
- Learning spellings/ key words
- Learning times tables
- Watching relevant documentaries on TV
- Reading subject specific books
- Creating revision materials e.g. flash cards/ revision clocks

Our expectations are that students complete the work set on a daily basis and keep their work to bring back once the school re-opens. Year 11s should be revising all subjects as a matter of course and have a wide range of revision strategies to use. There is also a Year 11 Revision Central area from the student's tab on the website which provides additional materials and guidance.