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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Home Learning at Grace Academy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring that year 7 have made a positive and successful start to their journey through secondary school. Now that students have had the opportunity to settle into a new school and meet all of their teachers, I am writing to inform you of our approach to home learning here at Grace Academy Solihull.

Research collated by the Education Endowment Foundation suggests that students who regularly engage with and complete homework throughout their secondary school education make an average of five months additional progress compared to their peers. We are also aware that homework needs to be clear and readily accessible for students to be able to engage fully, and that the benefits that this additional study offers is maximised when students receive timely feedback. Our aim is to continue to support your child with managing their homework and maintaining a regular pattern of study, whilst giving instant feedback and opportunities to improve.

Home learning at Grace Academy Solihull utilises the online Satchel One platform which can be accessed via the website www.satchelone.com or by using the Satchel One app on a mobile phone or tablet. Students are set daily retrieval quizzes which support them to revise what they have been taught in lessons so that they remember it for the long term and continue to make outstanding progress. These quizzes will automatically be visible to students when they login and students get instant feedback on which questions they have answered correctly. The results from this quiz are then reviewed by teachers who adapt their lessons to address any areas of weakness and build upon students' strengths.

In order to ensure that all students can access their home learning, students in year 7 will learn how to log into Satchel One and practice accessing and completing homework during their computing lessons this week.

Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader:

To support your child with their progress in mathematics, students will also complete home learning using Sparx Maths. Sparx Maths is a platform of over 45000 mathematics questions which are personalised and set for students to ensure that all students are both supported and challenged. Students also receive instant feedback on their work and can view explanatory videos to support with any areas they need to practise. Students will be taught how to access Sparx Maths and complete tasks during one of their mathematics lessons.

Sparx Reader will also be launched with year 7 students later this term and provides students with access to age-appropriate texts, targeted towards their reading ability, in order to support them with their reading fluency and comprehension. Again, students will be shown how to access this platform during their lessons.

Homework tasks using Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader will be set on the Satchel One platform as detailed above, to support students in managing their home learning activities. On occasion, teacher's may also supplement the

online homework offer, as detailed above, with additional paper based homework to stretch your child's learning.

I look forward to your continued support to ensure that your child engages with their home learning opportunities and benefits from the additional progress that comes from this. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact myself at andrewcox@graceacademy.org.uk, or for support with logging in contact Mr Bradshaw via stephenbradshaw@graceacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Cox

Assistant Principal for Quality of Education



How to Guide

How do I log on?

- Go to www.satchelone.com and select 'Student' under **Login**. Ensure that **I already have an account** is selected.


Login

[Forgot password?](#)

Staff	Parent	Student
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I already have an account

I don't have an account yet

- Scroll down and click  Sign in with Google . There is no need to search for the school or fill in any other details.


- Login to Google in the pop-up box:
Enter the same username and password as you use to log into school computers.
Username should be of the form
ac0100****@graceacademy.org.uk

- You will see a quiz in your to do list, have a go at it!

- [Download the app for easier access](#)




What if I can't log on?

- Make sure you click  Sign in with Google
- Ask your computing teacher or tutor to double check your AC0100 number and password.

Log in

Or log in with:

 Sign in with Office 365

 Sign in with Google

 Sign in with RM Unify

- Attend the drop-in clinic in 044 on Monday 30th September and Monday 7th October from 14:50 - 15:10 to get help from a member of staff.