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Dear Parents/Carers

Home Learning Information

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I would like to provide you with an update on how we will be setting work for your children from Monday 27th April. I understand the complexity many of you are facing in the current situation and all that we ask is that you aim to support and encourage your child to complete as much work as possible. As a school, we have listened to many parents and students; and I am pleased that we are now streamlining the work we are setting in both phases.

Primary Phase

Work will be set on a two-week cycle; which has been carefully planned by staff to include a range of different activities. There will be a set of activities for online learners and a set for those who want a break from their computer or who don't have access to the internet. Both sets will include 5 Maths activities, 5 English activities and key Wellbeing activities (PE, SMSC), 1 Lesson on The World (Science, Geography, RE or History), 1 Creative lesson (Art, DT, Computing or Music) and some ideas for independent learning or family time. Please can you encourage your child to send in their work to staff on the e-mail addresses below or SMHW. Primary staff will then look to celebrate great examples of work and effort to encourage students to get involved. You can pick which lessons you follow but try and stick to a minimum as above if possible. Work will not always be new topics but will look to build skills and reinforce previous learning to develop real mastery of subject areas

We are also looking to use the school website to place the resources if you are finding access to Show My Homework difficult. Top Tips for working at home to support pupils and parents is on the Primary Twitter page and will also go on the school website.

BBC Bitesize has also launched online lessons that are specific to Year Groups and split into subjects. These can be found on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> Feel free to use any. Staff will direct pupils to certain lessons

The Department for Education has also launched the Oak National Academy which is providing lessons specific to Year Groups and split into subjects. These can be found by visiting <https://www.thenational.academy/> Again try any but staff will pick out key learning tasks

Primary e-mail addresses;

KS2Primary@thegrangeacademy.co.uk & KS1andEYFS@thegrangeacademy.co.uk

Secondary Phase

All home learning tasks for the week ahead will be set on Show My Homework on Monday by all teachers. The timescale for completion will be one week so students can space out their own learning and not feel overwhelmed. Staff have worked to provide a set amount of work per subject by Key Stage which is set out on the next page.

Key Stage 3 (Year 7 & 8)

- Maths - 4 x 20 minute Hegarty Maths tasks
- English – 3 tasks a week plus one Seneca (Each task should take approximately 30 minutes and should take no more than no more than one hour.
- Science - 3 tasks per week (Each task should take approximately 30 minutes and should take no more than no more than one hour.
- Humanities and Languages - 2 tasks per week (Each task should take approximately 30 minutes and should take no more than no more than one hour.
- Other Foundation Subjects - 1 task per week (Each task should take approximately 30 minutes and should take no more than no more than one hour.)

For KS3 work that is completed, feedback will be provided in the normal manner through SMHW or an email response to the subject e-mail addresses that have been made available previously.

Key Stage 4 (Year 9 & 10)

- Maths – 4 x 20 minute Hegarty Maths tasks
- English - 3 tasks a week plus one Seneca (Each task should take approximately 30 minutes and should take no more than no more than one hour.
- Science - 3 tasks per week (no more than one hour expected for each task)
- All other pool subject - 2 tasks per week (no more than one hour expected for each task)

Year 11

We are liaising with the Cronton and Riverside College to ensure work is provided for your future studies and you should continue to study on your areas of interest to ensure you are ready for your future courses. The below links have been provided to ensure you can access work that will prepare you for your chosen path.

<https://www.cronton.ac.uk/year-11-resources/>
<https://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/year-11-resources/>

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Below is a suggested Timetable for KS3 and KS4 to follow; by no means do you need to stick to this timetable but we hope it provides as useful guide if needed.

Key Stage 3

| Day | Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 3 | Session 4 | Session 5 |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|------------------|
| Monday | English Seneca | Science | Exercise / Take a Break | Humanities Choice Geography / History / RE | Free Choice |
| Tuesday | Modern Foreign Language | Hegarty Maths | English | Exercise / Take a Break | Free Choice |
| Wednesday | Science | Humanities Choice Geography / History / RE | Exercise / Take a Break | Hegarty Maths | English |
| Thursday | Free Choice | Science | Free Choice | Exercise / Take a Break | Hegarty Maths |
| Friday | Hegarty Maths | English | Exercise / Take a Break | Modern Foreign Language | Free Choice |

Key Stage 4

| Day | Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 3 | Session 4 | Session 5 |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday | Hegarty Maths | English | Exercise / Take a Break | Pool A option Subject | Science |
| Tuesday | Pool B option Subject | Hegarty Maths | Exercise / Take a Break | English | Free Choice |
| Wednesday | Pool C option Subject | Hegarty Maths | Exercise / Take a Break | Pool A option Subject | English |
| Thursday | Science | Pool C option Subject | Exercise / Take a Break | Hegarty Maths | Pool D option Subject |
| Friday | English Seneca | Pool B option Subject | Exercise / Take a Break | Pool D option Subject | Science |

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that My Ed, our website and our social media accounts will be used as the official method of communication during the period of closure to ensure reliable and clear communication from the school.

Website: www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk

YouTube: [grangeacademyruncorn](https://www.youtube.com/grangeacademyruncorn)

Twitter: @Grange_School

Instagram: @thegrangeacademy

Facebook: @grangeacademy

Finally, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours faithfully



Mr Ian Critchley
Principal