



Dear carers / parents,

I am writing to keep you updated given the constantly changing guidance on Coronavirus and how this affects schools.

Our position at the moment is that we have tried to carry on as normal as much as possible, while following government guidelines, so that lessons can carry on as best they can. We have had very few staff unable to attend school and over 85% attendance from students so far. However, it seems highly unlikely that this will continue, given the new advice from the government further restricting social contact and requesting more people self-isolate as a precautionary measure. As I write this, the guidance suggests still self-isolating if you or anyone in your household has a temperature or new continuous cough, although this may well have changed by the time you read this letter.

For as long as we are allowed to and able to safely keep the school open we will. However, it looks unavoidable that the school will at some point be told to close, possibly for an extended period of time. I have set out below how this might affect our students.

Once we are closed, we will ensure that work is available for all students, and the main mechanism for staff to communicate work to students will be via their school email account and Show My Homework. I have attached at the end of this letter, guidance to ensure students have access to both.

Understandably Year 11 and Year 13 students will be concerned about their exams. At this stage we do not know how they will be affected, but the Government are working on contingency plans so we will keep you updated. The best advice at the moment is to assume they will go ahead and continue working hard. The fact that 47 students came in on Saturday for extra revision is a huge credit to them.

While we will use Show My Homework to keep updating work, the table below shows the work that is already in place and I am sure you will agree, while not ideal, there is sufficient work for all students at this point. For those students unable to attend school please refer to these resources from now. If the school closes before the additional resources arrive, we are creating packs for Year 11 so will personally deliver them to you at home if necessary.

All Year Groups	
School email	All students will be able to access school email via Office 365-Outlook.
Show My Homework	This will be main method for staff communicating work to all students. All Show My Homework usernames and passwords have been reset to match school email username and password.
SAM Learning	All year groups can work online independently in a range of subjects. Student will have received usernames and passwords today.
Seneca	This is currently being offered for free but you have to sign up. https://www.senecalearning.com/
BBC Bitesize Revision	A range of different learning activities.
Twinkl	It is currently possible to sign up for free for one month. https://www.twinkl.co.uk/
IDL	For some students the SEN department have set up for them to have access to Literacy and Numeracy Online resources. Individual students will know if this applies to them. https://idlsgroup.com/
Subject specific	Many of the below online resources are also suitable for younger students.
Post 16	
Due to the specific nature of Post 16 courses, individual teachers will communicate with students via Show my Homework or Google Classroom regarding work.	
Year 11	
Maths	A GCSE Maths workbook has been ordered for every Year 11 student. Once these arrive they will be distributed to all students.

	All students have access to Hegarty Maths Online and can go to Corbett Maths 5 a day, Maths Genie or Maths Grader for more. Students have already been given Revision Cards, Pinpoint booklets, 'Aiming for' booklets.
Science	All students have been given an individualised work pack today. We have ordered Science revision workbooks for all students that will be distributed to students.
English	Please check Show My Homework and we are exploring the ability to provide further resources. https://www.marshacademy.org.uk/1142/gcse-english-resources https://www.digitaltheatreplus.com/education Log in using: Username – English@Marshacademy.org.uk Password – MarshAcademyEnglish1
French	We have ordered revision workbooks with an Audio CD that we will distribute when they arrive. The following websites will also be useful: https://www.duolingo.com/ https://www.languagesonline.org.uk/ https://quizlet.com/
History	GCSE workbooks have been ordered and will be distributed when they arrive.
Geography	AQA Exam Practice Workbook has been ordered and will be distributed when it arrives. The online resource Kerboodle will shortly be available to support students.
Drama	We are exploring resources to give students as soon as possible.
Music	A printed workbook will be distributed to students.
Statistics	A GCSE revision book has been ordered for each student.
Health & Social Care	A Workbook will be provided for all students.
All other subjects	Please check Show my Homework
KS3 (in addition to the whole school activities above)	
Curriculum	Remember that the academy website contains the overview of the curriculum for KS3, so you can easily refer to this if you are unsure which topics to direct your child to.
Reading	Try to read for pleasure for at least 30 minutes per day
Community	Try to do at least one positive thing each day for your community. For example, writing a letter or card and sending it to local care home, might make more of a difference than you think to people who are starting to feel isolated.

Should the school be closed for an extended period of time we are looking into the possibility of providing interactive or videoed lessons for key groups, more information will follow as it becomes relevant.

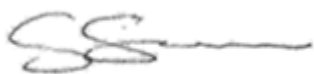
We are cancelling this week's Parent Forum and anticipate updating you on the variety of planned trips and visits that have been planned over the coming months.

We are aware that for a small number of our families, the closure of school will be worrying and we are looking into how we can best support these families in this event, for example providing a daily hot meal if at all possible. While there are many unknowns at this stage, if you are concerned at all please get in touch with us.

Please take care and look after yourselves and your families. If you are in a position to look out for the vulnerable in our community, please do, particularly the elderly and those who have underlying health issues.

Finally, I would like to publicly thank the Marsh Academy staff, who despite being told last night by the Prime Minister that it is too dangerous to go to a pub or a restaurant, are willingly coming into school surrounded by hundreds of children in order to try to keep the community going for as long as possible.

Kindest regards,



Shaun Simmons
Principal

How to sign into SAM LEARNING

Open Internet Explorer or Google Chrome

Go to the SAM Learning web site: <https://platform.samlearning.com/>

Alternatively, you can find the link under “Quick Links” on the Marsh Academy Website.

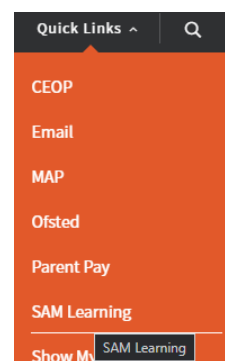
Sign In

Centre ID
TN28SS

User ID

Password

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The Centre ID is: TN28SS

The User ID is your date of birth (DDMMYY) followed by your initials.

Example: My name is John Doe and I was born on the 17th of January 2006.

Therefore, my User ID is: 170106JD

The password is the same as your user ID.

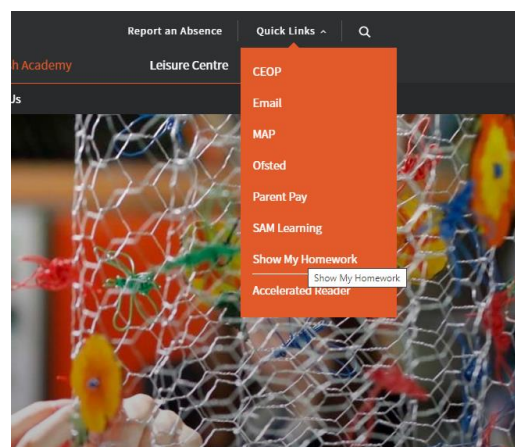
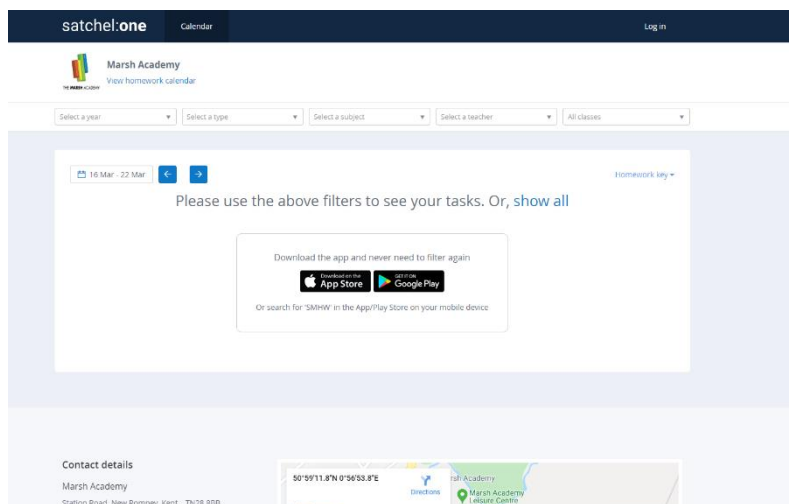
If you have any trouble, please email itsupport@marshacademy.org.uk

How to sign into Show My Homework as a student

Computer

Open a web browser (preferably Google Chrome) and go to www.marshacademy.org.uk. In the top right hand side of the website you will see a button labelled “Quick Links” click this and a drop down box will appear, select show my homework.

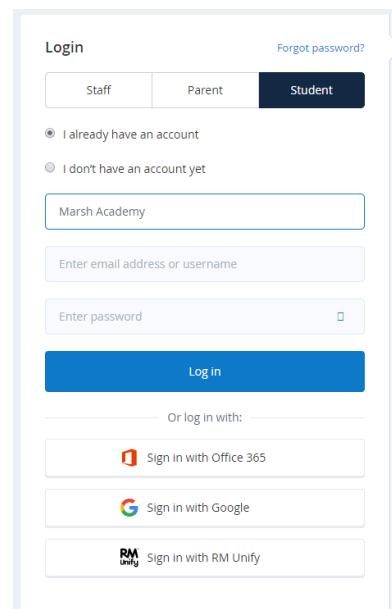
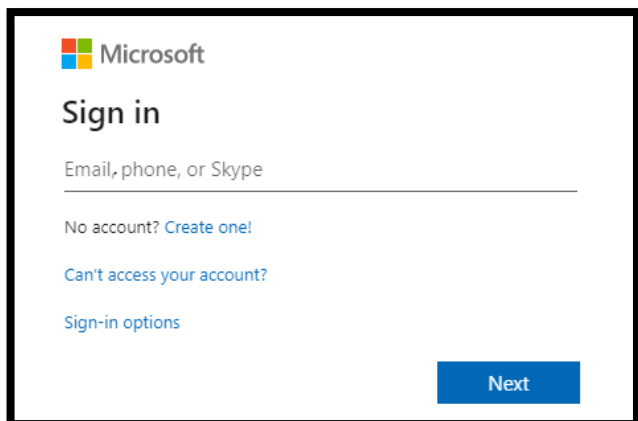
You will be presented with the below window. In the top right hand corner click the log in button.



In the login box towards the bottom of the page click “Sign in with Office 365”.

A pop up window will ask for the students sign in details. Please enter the student email address. This is in the following format

Firstname.Surname@marshacademy.org.uk



Click on “Work or School account” and then the student will need to enter their password this is the same as the student’s computer login / email address password at the Academy.

The student will now be logged into Show My Homework. If you have any issues with accessing show my homework please contact ITSupport@marshacademy.org.uk

Mobile Device

Download the Show My Homework app via your devices app store. Once downloaded open the application and select Login.



You will be presented with these options on the right of the page Select “Log In VIA Office 365”.

A pop up window will ask for the students sign in details. Please enter the student email address. This is in the current Format Firstname.Surname@marshacademy.org.uk.

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