



Ark Burlington Danes Academy

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Homework at Ark BDA

Dear parents and carers,

Homework is a vitally important factor in supporting and consolidating children's learning in secondary school. At Ark BDA we therefore ask teachers to plan and set homework for all pupils in Y7 to Y11 every week. This will often be a written task and will be relevant to the current topics they are studying. When homework is not a written task, it will have a specific purpose – for example preparation for a knowledge test in the next lesson.

We use an application called **Show My Homework** to support communication and organisation of homework. This is accessible to teachers, pupils and parents, and contains all the information you need to support your child's completion of homework. Your child has been given login details for her/himself as well as for parents, using the email address that you have provided to the school. **Show My Homework** is accessible via the URL below, and I urge you to log in regularly so you can monitor and support your child's completion of homework. Any queries about log in details should be addressed to your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

Show My Homework is available at: www.satchelone.com/login

We seek to act quickly when homework tasks are not completed: to ensure pupils do not fall behind and to reinforce the importance of completing all homework. In the event that a pupil does not complete homework they will be asked to attend a 30 minute After School Catch Up in order to complete the work, in line with the Academy's behavior policy. Teachers are also encouraged to phone home and raise any specific concerns about non-completion of homework.

If a pupil misses a day of school for any reason, it is their responsibility to catch up with homework that has been set in their absence. They can do this by checking Show My Homework and completing the tasks set. If this is not possible, pupils should see teachers on their return to school to collect any homework they have missed. The expectation is that this work is handed in on time (or to a revised deadline agreed with the teacher if this is not possible). Failure to hand in homework will result in the same sanction as above.

If you have any questions about the school's homework policy please feel free to contact me via the email address below. Thank you for your support in ensuring that homework is treated as a priority and therefore has a significant positive impact on pupils' academic progress at Ark BDA.

Yours sincerely,

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