

Dear Parent/Carer,

# The Bourne Academy - Useful Online Logins

During your child's time at The Bourne Academy, we will be liaising with you and your child via a variety of user platforms. Here is a brief summary of those we use most often and how they can be accessed:

**1.** <u>Arbor</u> – (database, contact information, house points, attendance, documents, timetable etc) <a href="https://arbor-education.com/">https://arbor-education.com/</a>

The Academy sends out an email to all new Yr 7 parents/carers within a couple of weeks after their child has joined - any students joining outside main entry time will be covered by the Admissions Team. Parents/carers then use the link to register and login. If they have issues logging-in then they can contact the IT team on support@thebourneacademy.com

If parents/carers forget their password then there is a link on the main Arbor log in page to reestablish a login.

**2.** <u>Scopay</u> – (online payment system for food, trips, tickets, extras) <a href="https://www.scopay.com/login">https://www.scopay.com/login</a>

A letter is sent out containing the link codes that parents/carers need. If they forget their password then again there is a link to click on again via the Scopay main log-in page. Any other issues parents/carers will need to contact the finance team on <a href="mailto:finance@thebourneacademy.com">finance@thebourneacademy.com</a>

**3.** <u>SMHW</u> – (online platform for academic work/homework) <u>https://www.teamsatchel.com/products/smhw.html</u>

Parents/carers need a code which the Academy will send out. These are produced after a week or so of the student joining the school; when students join in mid-year it can easily get missed, so it is always advisable for parents/carers to contact the school about this: <a href="mailto:admissions@thebourneacademy.com">admissions@thebourneacademy.com</a>. For main entry in Year 7 a letter explaining SMHW is sent to parents/carers, and then a follow up letter with the individual link code is sent a few days afterwards.

Again, if parents/carers forget their password then there is a reset link on the SMHW log-in page. The Reception team usually holds a list of login links as well (certainly for new Yr 7) as there is only ever one code per student and it can be used by up to 5 different people, so if parents ring in to Reception they can usually be helped immediately.

If students need a password reset they go to the IT team who can do this for them – <a href="mailto:support@thebourneacademy.com">support@thebourneacademy.com</a>

Any other issues regarding the above three portals, parents/carers should enquire direct to the IT team.



# **4. Bedrock:** (online platform for English)

https://app.bedrocklearning.org/

Students will each have a unique username and password assigned to them by Bedrock. This will be given to students in their English lessons and they are expected to write this in their planner. If a student ever forgets their username or password, their English teacher will be able to access this for them to remind them what it is. It is important to note that the username is written in all lowercase letters and the password has two capital letters. An example of this is provided below. If there are any issues with students accessing Bedrock, then students and/or parents must speak with the English teacher in the first instance.

Example username: julianne.langston.254678

Example password: ToyBoat

## **5. Tassomai** (online platform for Science)

### www.tassomai.com

Tassomai is a system which generates multiple choice Science questions based upon the Science curriculum which students learn from Year 9 to the end of Year 11 at The Bourne Academy. Year 9 students are expected to get 180 points each week (around 60 correct questions) and Year 10 and 11 need to get 300 points each week (about 100 correct questions). If students guess repeatedly instead of actively trying to answer questions, the system deducts points, so it's much easier (and more useful) to reach the target by trying hard at the questions. Students can use revision guides or the internet to help them answer questions on Tassomai; it's not considered a "test". Points (number of correct answers) are normally checked on the same day each week by classroom teachers.

Students are provided with their Tassomai login around the start of the academic year, this is for students in years 9, 10 and 11 only. The login is usually the student's school e-mail address and the first week's homework is to set up their Tassomai login using a special code that is unique to The Bourne Academy, and which is shared with students. If a student subsequently forgets their login details, we can reset them as soon as the student or their parents let us know. The quickest way for parents to do this is to e-mail our head technician Cat Jarrett, or our Director of Learning Jonathan Fry, using the contact details below.

Cat.Jarrett@thebourneacademy.com

Jonathan.Fry@thebourneacademy.com



# **6. Sparx** (online platform for Maths)

Website: Sparx - Select your school - Student Login (sparxmaths.uk)

Requirements/Process: <u>How does Sparx homework work?</u>

Students need to select the school in the option box. Students have their own username which is generated for them by entering their name and birth date. Students are responsible for generating their own password and will need to keep this safe. They can request a password reset by clicking on 'forgot log in details'.

As an alternative students can also log in using their office 365 accounts.

Sparx personalises each child's homework, creating a weekly set of questions tailored to their level of understanding and learning pace. The questions are designed to be achievable whilst offering the stretch that learners need to make progress.

Each week, topics are set by your child's maths teacher and will make up most of the homework questions. Questions from previous topics will also be included in the homework so that students can keep practising the skills they have learned.

Sparx Homework is deliberately designed to help students really get to grips with and understand the concepts and skills they are learning by ensuring they cover the essential building blocks needed to make progress in maths. Sparx' research has shown that an average of 60 minutes a week of this type of personalised maths home learning leads to clear progress. It is therefore advised that students do their homework as early as possible, so they have the time to have a go themselves and seek help from their teacher if needed. Homework is not marked as complete until all the compulsory questions have been answered correctly, so starting early is key to finishing before hand-in time. In order to support students in attaining 100% completion we ask that all students attempt the questions and then watch the video if they get the questions incorrect. Students may not always get 100% completion, but homework will only be classed as complete if they attempt every question and watch the video for any questions they get incorrect.

You can keep track of your child's homework completion in the weekly email you will receive from Sparx.

Thank you very much for your support, let us know if you get stuck!

Kind regards
The Bourne Academy

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