

4 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Home Learning:**

At The Bourne Academy home learning is used to reinforce, develop and establish concepts and skills that have been taught in lessons within each curriculum area, as well as to support preparation for their next learning topic. Home learning is valuable to support independent practice, study skills and self-discipline. In English our homework is dedicated to developing readers at every level to enable all students to access the vocabulary, comprehension and inference skills that will support their ongoing educational journey.

The Bourne Academy uses an online platform, 'Satchel One' to support communication with parents, carers and students regarding home learning. There are a number of online platforms that are utilized by different subjects to support home learning. The main platforms are 'Sparx' for Maths and 'Reading Plus' for English. These platforms will work on a range of devices, including laptops, tablets and phones.

The Academy is aware that many of these platforms will be new to students, so to help them build confidence with these we will introduce them in lessons first. The platforms we use for home learning are as follows:

- Sparx Maths for Mathematics
- Reading Plus for English
- Carousel for Science
- The Language Gym for Spanish

Students will be given a demonstration of how to use Sparx within their Maths lessons and will be taken to computer rooms during English to login to Reading Plus and gain experience in using this homework platform. Science will be set using Carousel. Over the next few weeks students will be getting their login details in lessons and will be practising using the website. If there are any technical issues when using these websites, please email their class teacher or ask the students to send a message on Satchel One.

To ensure students have been shown how to use these platforms and support students in transitioning to secondary school we will be introducing home learning in a phased manner. Home learning will commence as follows:

- Maths homework will commence the week of 15 September 2025
- English homework will commence the week of 22 September 2025
- Science homework will commence the week of 6 October 2025
- All other subjects will commence the week of 3 November 2025, depending on when students have their subject lessons.



Homework in Year 7 will be set on Satchel One for all subjects and will be set on the days according to the timetable below:

Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Maths	English	Science	A: Geography,	A: Dance,
		A: TED	RS	Drama, Music
		B: Food	B: History,	B: Computing,
			Spanish, MISST	PE, ART
1 hour	1 hour	40 mins science	15 mins each	15 mins each
		15 mins		
		Foundation		

Students will be given a minimum of a week to complete their homework. Students will be rewarded for the completion of homework to a good standard through our house points system. Should a student be struggling with their homework please contact their tutor or Head of Year, so we can support your child. We offer homework club on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to support any student who may face challenges with access to internet or who requires a structured learning environment with support from staff. Homework club takes place both at lunch time and after school.

Further information regarding Satchel One, our homework setting platform, can be found below:

## Satchel One: A fantastic way to record, track and monitor homework at The Bourne Academy.

We will continue to use 'Satchel One', previously known as 'Show My Homework', the online tool to help you keep track of your child's homework. Satchel One is extremely useful, allowing you to see the details of the tasks your child has been set, all their deadlines and their submission status and grades. This system gives you greater visibility into the homework we set and empowers you to support your child with managing their time to meet deadlines.

If your child is in Year 7, you will be provided with login details to your personal account, which is linked to your child's homework calendar, where you will be able to see your child's 'To-do List' and any homework that is overdue. These logins will be sent out in week commencing 8 September 2025, after launching Satchel One with Year 7. The email will be sent from <a href="mailto:Catherine.Turner@thebourneacademy.com">Catherine.Turner@thebourneacademy.com</a>. Please check your junk mailbox if it has not been received in your inbox by the end of next week. In the meantime, your child should be able to login to their account to show you any homework that has been set.

## Satchel One allows:

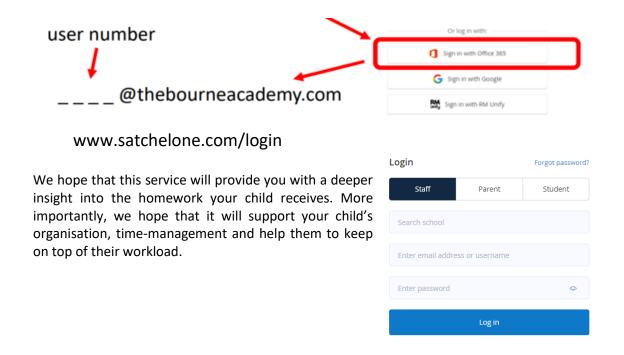
- 24/7 access
- Viewing the quality and quantity of homework set
- Translation into over 50 languages
- Apps available for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android devices
- Receiving of automated notifications before homework is due.

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We will be launching Satchel One this week with Year 7 students. In the interim, the form below shows how a student can login via the Satchel One website <u>Satchel One | Login</u>



To keep up to date please download the Satchel One app once you receive your login details, you will then be sent push notifications to let you know what homework is due. You will also be notified of grades, overdue homework and announcements/events.

If you or your child have any questions about the service, please do not hesitate to access the Satchel one parent help page: Logging in as a parent | Satchel Help Center

If you would like to get in touch with the school or provide feedback, please contact the IT team at <a href="mailto:Support@thebourneacademy.com">Support@thebourneacademy.com</a>

Further information regarding the online platforms used regularly at The Bourne Academy can be found on our website <u>The Bourne Academy online platforms</u> This link provides details on how to login and their use.

Thank you once again for your support,

Yours faithfully,

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