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Guide for Parents to Support with Homework

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Welcome to Beechen Cliff's guide for parents to support their child with homework. At Beechen Cliff, we believe it is vital for both school staff and adults at home to support our young people with their learning at home. Our homework policy seeks to complement our school curriculum, expand pupils' knowledge and build confident, independent learners.

This guide is for parents who are experiencing some technical difficulties when trying to help their child with their homework. For more general information about our homework policy (what type of homework is set, how often and how much), please see our homework policy on the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/the-school-day/homework/>

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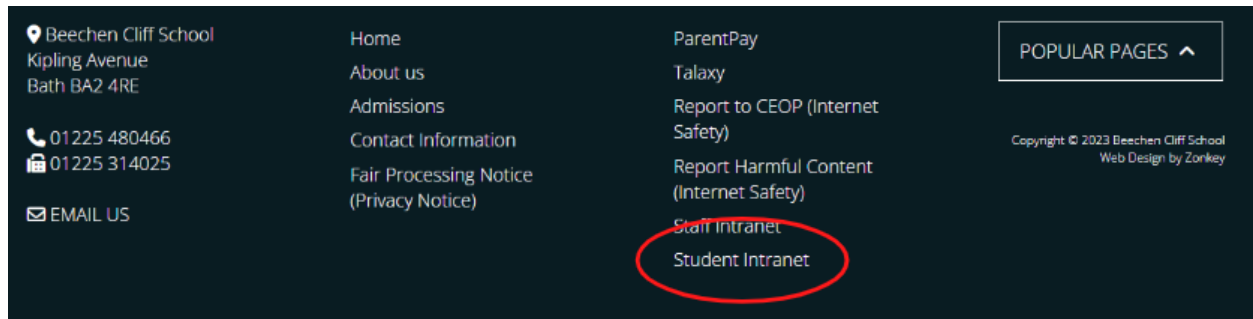


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1. How should my child access their homework at home?

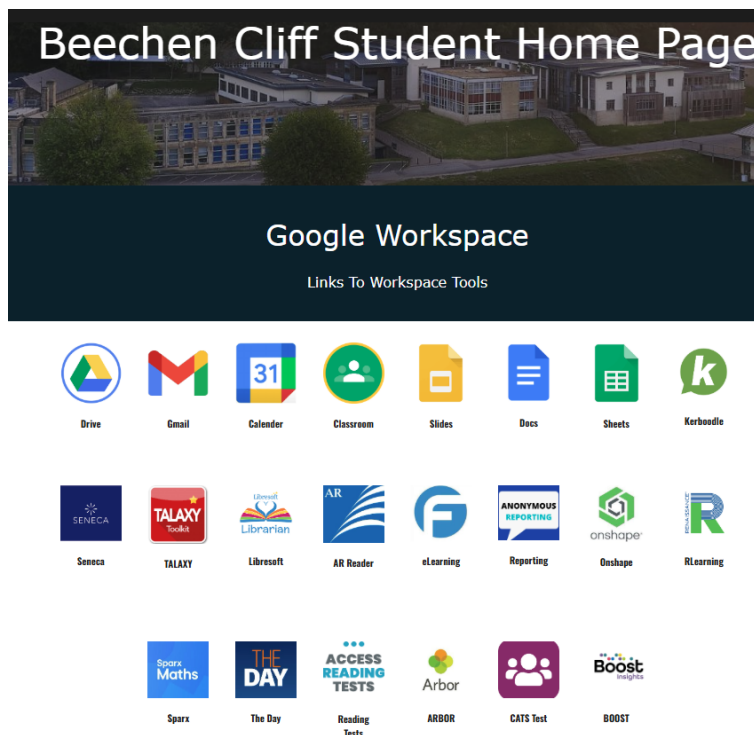
Your child can access the student homepage by going to the school website:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/>, scrolling to the bottom of the homepage and clicking 'Student Intranet':



They will then need to enter their school login details and the Student Homepage will launch.

The Student Homepage looks like this:





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Students can access all of the platforms that they need from here, the most important of which is Google Classroom.

When they click on any of the Google programmes (Google Classroom, Gmail, Google Drive etc.), it will automatically log them in, as they have already entered their login details.

When they open Google Classroom, it will show their homepage with all of their classrooms. They can click on each classroom individually to enter that classroom and see the work that has been set.

For some homeworks, they will need to follow a link from Google Classroom to another platform such as Seneca or Google Forms.

For more help with how pupils access and use Google Classroom, please watch this video on the school website:

 Copy of 2026 Year 7 Google Classroom intro video

2. How can I access my child's homework?

Parents/carers cannot log in to Google Classroom directly. However, you can access your child's homework in a number of ways:

1. Parent summary emails

All priority one parent/carer email addresses are synced to Google Classroom and any new parents to the school will receive an email from Google Classroom inviting them to link to their child's Google Classroom. Parents/carers should follow the link in this email to start receiving the parent/guardian emails from Google Classroom. Please make sure that your browser is logged in with your email address and not your child's Beechen account when you click on this link, otherwise it may link your child to their own Google Classroom, and they will start receiving the email summaries instead of you! If this happens, if you are not receiving the summaries, or if you would like a second parent/carer email address added, please email headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk with this request, stating your child's name and tutor group.



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If you have a Gmail email address, you can set your summary emails to weekly or daily, by clicking on the 'settings' link at the end of one of the summary emails. For all other email addresses, you can only receive them on a weekly basis.

For more help with parent/guardian summary emails, please visit the Google Classroom support page on this:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136?hl=en#:~:text=To%20get%20email%20summaries%20of,a%20guardian%20at%20any%20time.>

2. Google Classroom Previews

Once you are receiving the summary emails, you can follow the links at the top of the email to preview your child's homework assignments in their Google Classrooms. This will allow you to access the full instructions, as well as any resources or links the teacher has attached to the assignment. See below for an example of what the summary emails look like and the 'View in classroom' links.



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Google Classroom

Daily summary for Emma Lopez

Jan 20, 2022

VIEW IN CLASSROOM:

[English Literature](#) • [World History](#) • [Homeroom](#) • [Algebra II](#)

 Missing from last week

ENGLISH LITERATURE



Worksheet 501: Reading activity

Please read the attached essay and then read the attached historical context. Highlight words that you find most meaningful and attach a scan of your highlighted document to this assignment.

Due Jan 15 

 [View in Classroom](#)

When viewing assignments in classrooms, you will be viewing them in 'preview mode' which means you cannot comment on or submit anything like your child will be able to do when signed into their Google Classroom account. This is how it will look when you are viewing assignments or classrooms in preview mode:



Guardian preview Classwork page

English Literature
Period 2 • Aimee Teacher

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🔒 Viewing classwork as a guardian for Emma Lopez [Learn more](#)

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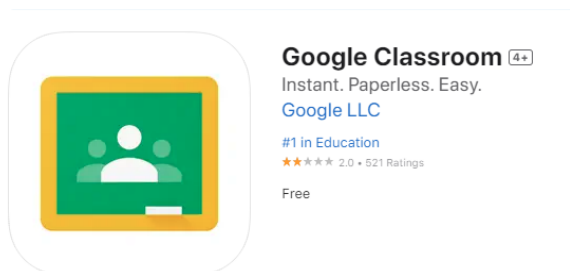
Introduction

📖 Literary Elements	Due Aug 17
📋 Knowledge check	Due Aug 19

For more information on viewing classrooms or assignments in preview mode as a parent or carer, please visit the Google Classroom support page:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6386354?hl=en&sjid=18423194009127435826-EU#zippy=%2Cemail-summary-and-guardian-preview-example-edu-plus-skus>

3. Download the Google Classroom app:



You will not be able to log in to this yourself, but you could get your child to log in using their school login details, so that you are able to view their homework on the app on your phone/device. Alternatively, help your child to download the app and then log in; once they have done this you can look at their homework together on their device.

3. My child doesn't know their login details, what should I do?

If your child is new to the school, they will be given their login details as part of their induction.

In school (to log on to a school computer) their username is formatted as a number, first



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name, full stop, surname:

#firstname.surname

E.g. 20sophie.sullivan

The number at the start depends on the year in which they started primary school, for example for 2026-27 the usernames are as follows:

Year 7: 20firstname.surname

Year 8: 19firstname.surname

Year 9: 18firstname.surname

Year 10: 17firstname.surname

Year 11: 16firstname.surname

L6th: 15firstname.surname

U6th: 14firstname.surname

At home, students will need to enter their full school email address in order to login. School email addresses are formatted as follows:

E.g. 20sophie.sullivan@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk

All students will be prompted to reset their password when they first login to a school computer, so only they will know their password. They will be encouraged to write their password down into their student handbook if they are in Years 7-11, so check with them if they have done this. Passwords for Google must be at least 8 characters and contain a capital letter, at least one special character (!*£) and a number.

If they cannot remember their password, please email headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk to ask for their school network password to be reset. Alternatively, the student can ask to go to IT Support during tutor time, or during a break or lunchtime, to get their password reset.

4. Google Classroom is asking for a class code, what do I do?

All students are automatically added to their classrooms on their Beechen account. If they are signed in on their Beechen account, their Google Classrooms for all of their



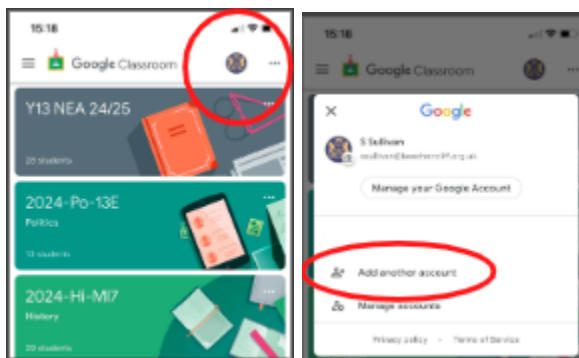
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lessons will automatically show on their homepage.

The only exception to this is if your child has a double-barrelled surname or a name with a special character in it and they are new to the school, this may need to be fixed manually. If this is the case, please email headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk to explain that they have no classes showing in Google Classroom, so that we can get this fixed at our end as soon as possible.

If this is not the case, and your child has logged into Google Classroom to find no classes, please check the following:

- They are signed in on their Beechen account. If on a desktop/laptop, check the icon at the top right corner of the browser to see which account they are signed in on. If they are on the app on their phone, click on the icon at the top of the app and switch to their Beechen account, or if it is not already there as an option, click 'add account' and enter their Beechen login details



- You are not trying to login as a parent or carer- parents/carers cannot login to Google Classroom- please see issue 2 on page 4 of this guide

5. Why does my son have a student handbook and how should he be using it?

Student handbooks are provided to all students in Years 7-11. They are a vital tool for students to organise themselves both in and out of school. Students are not allowed phones in school, so their handbook is a quick reference place to check their timetable or to make additional notes on homework they are being set. All details of homework tasks will be provided on Google Classroom, but they can use the notes page in their handbook to make their own notes should they wish.



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Students should also record their reading on a weekly basis so that tutors and parents can check and see that they are reading regularly. This is important for a number of reasons, and you can read more about the school's reading and literacy vision here:

<https://www.beechencliff.org.uk/curriculum-assessment/overview/reading/>

Finally, the handbook acts as a record for the various elements of the Beechen Cliff Character award. Students should record elements of this such as their attendance, positives, number of books read and extracurricular activities completed in their handbook.

6. My child needs to access Seneca to complete their homework, how do they access this?

There is a link to Seneca on the student homepage (see issue 1, page 3). Or, students can access the assignments they have been set by following the links posted by their teachers on Google Classroom. When they click on the links to Seneca assignments, they should click 'Continue with Google' and this will automatically sign them into Seneca, so long as the browser is logged into their Beechen account.

Login
Welcome back

 Continue with Google  Continue with Microsoft

OR

Email

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

Login with email

Don't have an account? [Sign up](#)



If your child is definitely logged in on their Beechen account and they cannot view their classes or assignments when they log in to Seneca, it could be an issue with how details such as their school email address has been entered on Arbor (our school register system which Seneca is synced with). In this case, please email headteacher@beechencliff.mnsp.org.uk to explain the issue so that we can fix it for you.

7. How do I access Seneca as a parent or carer?

As a parent or carer, you can register for Seneca's parent platform so that you can see your child's progress on the assignments they are completing on Seneca. If you register, you will receive notifications of assignments that are due in, you can view weekly summaries of how long they have spent on the platform, and you can view individualised reports of where your child's strengths and weaknesses are based on the work they have completed. You can sign up for a Seneca parent account and link to your child here: <https://app.senecalearning.com/sign-up>

Here are instructions on how to sign up as a parent and link to your child's account: <https://help.senecalearning.com/en/articles/3661316-how-to-sign-up-to-seneca-as-a-parent>

There is also the option to 'boost' your child's Seneca account, at an additional cost, paid directly to Seneca. This is in no way necessary, but if you are interested in this option, please see further information from Seneca here:

<https://help.senecalearning.com/en/articles/4679799-getting-started-with-seneca-exam-boost>

Whilst linking to your child's Seneca account is helpful in many ways, it is by no means necessary. You will be able to keep track of your child's homework perfectly well through the Google Classroom parent/guardian summaries and preview feature (see issue 2 page 4).

Please note that Seneca also has an easy to use app, available on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

8. How much should I be helping my child at home?

One of our main aims for setting homework for Beechen Cliff students is to foster independent learners. However, we are still talking about children here and fully



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recognise that our students will need, and indeed benefit from plenty of support both from school and at home in order to complete their homework to a good standard and to optimise their learning.

Whilst students should complete the work on their own, it is important that you take an interest in their learning, engage with it, and help them when they get stuck. Depending on the nature of your child, they may need you to sit with them whilst they complete their homework. Modelling working at home is often a good approach here; sit and work on your own laptop whilst they complete their homework, so that you are working together, or sit and read your book whilst they are reading theirs.

If they are in Year 7, or if your child is new to the school, they will need help navigating and getting logged onto platforms such as Google Classroom and Seneca Learning at home. They will also need help getting into a routine and ensuring that they keep a track of their homework, complete it on time and, if it is a physical homework (e.g. written into an exercise book), that they bring it in on the right day. Help your child to check Google Classroom each evening and to pack their school bag. This does not mean doing it for them, but doing it with them to help get them into routines and know how to organise themselves.

If your child needs extra support with their homework from school, they can attend Homework Support every day after school (Monday- Friday) from 3:15-4:15pm. These sessions are staffed and there are chromebooks, workspaces and books readily available.

Your child can also go to speak to their teacher at a break or lunchtime, or contact them via their school email address or Google Classroom account.

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