

Supporting your Child/ren during School Closure:

During this time we would advise parents and carers to try and maintain a learning environment at home. Below are just a few ideas for you to use.

English and Literacy

Encourage children to read any available reading books. Amazon has cancelled its subscription of books and audio stories at 'Audible' for children and students of all ages as long as schools are closed. All stories are free to stream on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet via <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

During Year 7 children will read novels as a class and will be required to write about characters, the author's style of writing, the setting. **Writing a book review would be a useful task to complete.**

Practice writing at least one piece of extended descriptive writing about a topic of their choice. Children can make this magical, a horror or another genre, as long as they're thinking about describing. They can use their five senses to help with the description.

Children should review their Year 6 learning and being secure in **language techniques** such as: *alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification, metaphor, simile, repetition, power of three.*

Maths

Continue to practice their multiplication tables. A secure knowledge of these will help their progress with Key Stage 3 Mathematics.

Children should continue to practice number application e.g. multiplication, division, addition and subtraction with integers (whole numbers) and fractions.

Science

In Year 7 children will study the three sciences: Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Some of our students go on to train as Science Ambassadors with a focus on learning through doing and then leading others. The CREST Awards website has some projects which are suitable for Year 6/7 students to attempt at home and we would suggest they try some of the Superstar (1 hour each) or the Discovery Awards - these do require participants to register.

For more information see <https://www.crestawards.org/what-is-crest>

For those interested in Physics there are some activities designed to be completed at home which can be found through the Marvin and Milo website:

<http://www.physics.org/marvinandmilo.asp>