Support for Learning Department

Hi everyone,

My name is Miss Boles and I am the new Principal Teacher for the Support for Learning Department. I have started working remotely at Belmont Academy and I can't wait to get back in to school to meet everyone and work with you all, hopefully soon.

The staff in the Support for Learning Department have been compiling a list of resources which may help you during this time. Online learning can be challenging, particularly when you are working independently. You are not alone! We are here to help, even if you haven't accessed support from our department before. On the following pages, I have compiled a list of all the supports that our department has online, to help you with your schoolwork, and well-being, during this time. Your department teachers may also recommend that you get in touch with us, to look at different ways we can help you access the online curriculum materials successfully, if you are finding things tough.

If you have a problem, or any questions, please contact me at rachel.boles2@south-ayrshire.gov.uk and the Support for Learning team and I will do our best to help you.

Stay safe and hope to meet you all soon,

Miss Boles

Support for Learning Materials

Curricular Area	Task	Resources Required & Location	Timeframe
LITERACY Support Available for **ALL** pupils	**Writing** A variety of unlevelled writing tasks can be found here – these can be used to support and promote independent literacy study. If you had a Support for learning tutorial which has now finished due to the 'bump up' and you are finding the work in your new year group challenging, you can use these tasks to continue working independently. Please contact the Support for Learning Department (through Miss Boles), or the English Department, if you are finding the online work challenging, and we will collaborate to provide some online tasks at a suitable level.	Belmont Academy Website – Learning Hub: Support for Learning 'Literacy' One Drive	Access as and when needed – email to Miss Boles or your SfL teacher for marking when complete
	Reading – Independent and for pleasure Oxford Owls website has reading material in the 'Age 9-11' section that may be appropriate for some learners to continue practicing independent reading skills. It also has a 'Read Aloud' function to support learners with reading or visual difficulties. South Ayrshire Council Library has access to thousands of e-books online. You can sign up online to gain access.	https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/ Class login: belmontreading Password: Belmont2020 https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/libraries/join-library.aspx	Access as and when needed
	Reading + Reading Comprehension Readworks has a variety of passages suitable for all learners – read the passage and answer the comprehension questions, then see your results immediately. The log in details provided are just to test out the resource, but all pupils can access it – if you would like your own account, please email Miss Boles and an independent account can be set	https://www.readworks.org/student-authentication Class code: ZCWANS Pupil ID: Belmont	All assignments are open until June 25th, if you would like a personal account,

	up to suit your reading needs and topic preferences. General reading topics covered are: • **Narrative fiction** • **Geography** • **History** • **Sciences** • **Modern Studies** There are functions to support all readers, including audio, and differentiated passages (step 1 for slight vocabulary differentiation, step 2 for increased vocabulary differentiation). When you have your own account, passages can be added which are levelled from emergent reader to proficient reader, as required.	Password: 1234	email Miss Boles and we can add assignments to suit your needs and interests

Useful Literacy Websites

www.sumdog.com – suitable spelling and grammar games for learners up to the level of average 14-year-old – sign up for free access
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zy4qn39 - BBC Bitesize website, to create your own customised daily learning plan, including online lessons (Change levels as appropriate to your ability)
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar - Online writing games

NUMERACY

NUMERACY Support available for <u>ALL</u> pupils	A variety of unlevelled numeracy tasks can be found here – these can be used to support and promote independent numeracy study, with a focus on maths life skills, and daily problem-solving tasks. If you had a Support for learning maths tutorial which has now finished due to the 'bump up' and you are finding the work in your new year group challenging, you can use these tasks to continue working independently. Please contact the Support for Learning Department (through Miss Boles), or the Maths Department, if you are finding the online work challenging, and we will collaborate to provide some online tasks at a suitable level.	Belmont Academy Website – Learning Hub: Support for Learning 'Numeracy' One Drive	Access as and when needed – email to Miss Boles or your SfL teacher for marking when complete
	Useful Numeracy Websites Useful websites for independent learning: www.sumdog.com – suitable maths games for learners up to the level of average 14-year-old – sign up for free access http://www.timestables.me.uk/ - timetable practice for all abilities https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button - a variety of 'beat the clock' maths games https://nrich.maths.org/9465 - interactive games covering a variety of secondary topics (also available at primary level) https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zy4qn39 - BBC Bitesize website, to create your own customised daily learning plan, including online lessons (Change levels as appropriate to your ability)		

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

HEALTH AND WELLBEING Support available for <u>ALL</u> pupils and parents	Advice and practical activities for both parents and pupils on a range of subjects including: • Anger management • Anxiety management • Coping strategies • Depression • Mindfulness	Belmont Academy Website – Learning Hub: Support for Learning 'HWB' One Drive	Access as and when needed – email to Miss Boles or your SfL teacher for further support in this area if needed

Useful Health and Wellbeing Websites

For pupils:
http://mindfulnessforteens.com/ - good videos and discussion on how to start a mindfulness journey
https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/category/mental-health/ - a list of mental health apps (not all free) to support positive mental health
https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/how-teenagers-can-protect-their-mental-health-during-coronavirus-covid-19 -tips to protect your mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic

For parents:
https://www.relaxkids.com/calm-pack - Sign up for a free 'Relax Kids' Calm Pack (more suitable for lower secondary pupils)
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-parents-working-from-home/ tips on how to juggle home/work/school/teens balance during the COVID-19 pandemic
https://childmind.org/coping-during-covid-19-resources-for-parents/ - tips on how to juggle home/work/school/teens balance during the COVID-19 pandemic
https://www.sleepscotland.org/ - sleep support information

Remote Learning Tools

REMOTE LEARNING TOOLS Support available for <u>ALL</u> pupils and parents	Advice and resources for parents and pupils to support online learning, including: • iPad accessibility features • Windows accessibility features • Text to speech programmes • Dyslexia guidance • Dyscalculia guidance • Supporting learners with communication support needs • Supporting learners with complex additional support needs • Supporting learners with AD(H)D • Supporting learners with ASD • Supporting learners with working memory difficulties • Supporting learners with processing difficulties • Supporting learners to work independently • Tips on how to stay organised	Belmont Academy Website – Learning Hub: Support for Learning 'Remote Learning Supports' One Drive	Access as and when needed – email to Miss Boles or your SfL teacher for further advice in this area if needed, or if you would like to see support for any areas not mentioned

| Support for Learning Tutorials

For pupils who already access tutorials in the department	For pupils who usually have a Support for Learning tutorial, individual work assignments are available for you on the 'Belmont Pupil Support' Teams page. Please check specific tutorial groups below:	Microsoft Teams – 'Belmont Pupil Support'	Various due dates – please refer to individual tasks
	• Mrs Moore's S3 Literacy Tutorial – Literacy assignments are uploaded	Microsoft Teams – 'Belmont Pupil Support' Please email Mrs Moore directly with any issues	Due 16th June
	• S3 Touch Typing Tutorial - follow instruction on 'Belmont Pupil Support' Microsoft Teams page	Dance Mat Typing.com	Weekly independent practice
	• S3 Literacy Tutorials – individual assignments are available for you on the 'Belmont Pupil Support' Teams page	Microsoft Teams – 'Belmont Pupil Support' Please mail your SfL teacher directly with any issues	Due 1st May
	• ACHIEVE group – your course work has been completed, well done! Mrs Jakeman is in the process of moderating your work and will be in touch when the results are in.	No action needed	
	• Readingwise Tutorials – please continue to access Readingwise from home	Readingwise website	Weekly independent practice
	• Mr Montgomery's Maths Tutorials – please refer to paper copies of work sent home	Work already at home – Please email Mr Montgomery directly if you have any issues	
Nurture Group 'The Hive'

For pupils who access 'The | For pupils who usually access the Nurture room 'Hive' at break and intervals, a Nurture Teams page has been set up. This allows a platform for pupils to connect with teachers and each other, sharing their experiences, both the high and low points, in addition to asking any questions or giving any advice that may be needed t others in the group. It's a great place to stay connected with your classmates in a moderated, | Microsoft Teams 'Nurture Group' Specific pupil access only

*If you are having trouble logging on to the Nurture group teams, please | As an when required – daily check ins are encouraged |

Hive' at break and lunch	secure setting. Mrs Daubney, Mrs Moore and Mrs Jakeman are always ready to lend an ear so hop onto 'Nurture Group' teams and say hello!	contact Mrs Daubney or Miss Boles for assistance	

New S1 Transition

S1 Transition For new S1 Pupils	Online materials for enhanced transition pupils will be uploaded to the Support for Learning section of the Belmont Academy 'Learning Hub' website soon. These activities will include: • Virtual Tour of the school • FAQ's answered by staff and pupils • Video diaries to meet the teachers • Information pages about each department, including materials needed • Timetable activities to help you get used to time management • Secondary School Learning Pack to help you explore what the school day will look like • Support for Learning information leaflet • Dyslexia Inclusive Schools information leaflet • Information on what to do at break and lunch	Belmont Academy Website – Learning Hub: Support for Learning 'S1 Transition' One Drive	Resources will be uploaded at the end of May and will be added to regularly