PRACTICE, PREPARATION & RETRIEVAL (PP&R) ONLINE RESOURCES

As you will be aware, we have a number of online resources that we ask students to complete on a regular basis. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify and inform you of what these resources are and the expectations surrounding them.

Languagenut (Spanish)

URL: https://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/

What is it?   An online resource that allows students to practise vocabulary in the foreign language that they are studying (French or Spanish). The practice is then followed by an assignment.

Expectations: 2-3 blocks of vocabulary practice should be practised three times a week in ten minute chunks (30 minutes in total). Once this has been done, then the assignment can be completed. Languagenut PP&R is set weekly and is due a week later.

Educake (Science)

URL: https://www.educake.co.uk/

What is it?   Educake is a self-testing online programme that revises taught content with students and then tests them in a number of ways to ensure that knowledge is being practised in preparation for lessons. There are also 'Retrieval Practice' tests that students can complete at any time and re-do to practice overlearning. All quizzes can be re-done at any time to revise the content.

Expectations: Educake is set roughly once per week. Students have 7 days to complete their assigned questions – titled 'PP&R' followed by the topic e.g. 'PP&R – Forces'. Students should try to retrieve the knowledge but they are welcome to look up the information should they struggle. As these are automatically marked, spelling errors will see an incorrect answer. If the student is adamant that their answer is correct, then they should select 'disagree with mark'.

Mathswatch (Maths)

URL: https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/

What is it?   Mathswatch is a complete online Maths platform. Homework questions are set by the teacher and with every question there is a video attached that can be used to support the students if they do not understand. Mathswatch can also be used for independent learning as the video clips have exam-style questions for students to complete and a worksheet attached for the students to print off.

Expectations: Complete homework tasks when they are set by the teacher. Twice every half term, complete the retrieval tasks set.

Bedrock Vocabulary (English)

URL: https://app.bedrocklearning.org/

What is it?   The purpose of the programme is to teach students a range of vocabulary by presenting them with engaging fiction and non-fiction prose. Not only is it an effective way to develop reading and vocabulary, it also introduces them to a range of topics and historical events. Bedrock works best in the Chrome browser.

Expectations: During the school closure, we expect a minimum of 3 lessons but are challenging students to complete 5 lessons per week.

Spellzone (English)

URL: https://www.spellzone.com/

What is it?   Students complete set spelling tasks and games and can also work through their 'course pathway', which recognises each users' unique spelling difficulties; we would certainly advise this for any student who struggles with their spelling. Spellzone works best in the Chrome browser.

Expectations: Two tasks per week.