

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS ON MARPLE HALL SCHOOL'S VLE

What Are Virtual Learning Environments? (Advice for parents)

A virtual learning environment (VLE) is a computer-based environment that supports the delivery of web-based learning and facilitates on-line interaction between students and teachers.

The VLE at Marple Hall School consists of a variety of programmes and teaching and learning resources designed both to assist in conventional classroom learning as well as support distance learning, enabling our students to gain remote access to materials posted on them by individual departments.

Your child has an individual LOG ON to the VLE, which they regularly use in school. They can show you the materials that the VLE contains. Teachers sometimes use the VLE to support classwork, sometimes they use it to set homework and it is also very useful in terms of revision, particularly for students in Years 9, 10 & 11 who are studying for GCSEs.

Once your child has logged on to the VLE they can select a subject area to work from. They should select work for their Year or Key Stage.

The VLE is a valuable resource. Parents can often be confused as to what to do once they have accessed the VLE. Here are some tips :-

- Ask your child to explain a particular Powerpoint
- Track your child's progress on VocabExpress each fortnight by charting/recording their scores
- Look at the lesson by lesson resources in the ICT Dept. section. This will give you a thorough picture of what your child has done, is doing and is going to do in ICT.
- Work on a Maths problem with your child. Go onto the MyMaths website and watch the tutorials with your child. You can then ask them questions or ask them to explain what they have learned from the tutorial
- Visit the French section and go through the "How to achieve an A*/A" powerpoint. This outlines a self-study package for Year 8 & 9 (or Years 10 & 11) that budding linguists can follow to ensure that they acquire the knowledge that they need to achieve the highest grades.

Finally, if you need any further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact our Directors of Teaching and Learning by email :-

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