

Home study with Canvas Update

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*The College has adapted to a whole new way of working in the past four school weeks and is embracing the power of our Virtual Learning Environment, **Canvas!** Working in relative isolation is new and not always easy for both staff and students, and we are increasingly pleased with the amount and quality of work being produced by a number of students. We have listened to feedback and agreed a more consistent way of setting and handing in Assignments, which we hope is improving your experience at home.*

This video provides some tips around managing young people during this time of home working: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO9SDGRgi3c&feature=youtu.be>

Please read on for more detailed information about developments in Canvas.

Conferences and 'Virtual Tutor Time'

Following training last week, we are beginning to deliver some audio lessons in Canvas which are either recorded in advance or watched by students live, as well as using a range of other resources to keep learning engaging.

We are also using the Discussions facility for tutor time. In virtual tutor time, students log on to Canvas at a set time each week to have a live discussion with their form tutor and fellow tutees in the 'room' called 'CLS'. This allows them to stay connected and also provides the College with valuable feedback on student wellbeing. The sessions are staggered to allow access to students who are sharing laptops with siblings. These approaches are under constant review.

Handing in Assignments

While most students are submitting work of good quality, there have been some instances of students handing in blank sheets or simply returning the work set in the same form. This means that the work has been removed from the 'to do' list, without actually being done. We ask parents to please ask students to show you the work they have done.

How is my child doing?

This term, we are asking all subjects to set and score a weekly¹ assignment for each class. Wherever appropriate this will be a 0-3 score. You can see these scores in the students' individual courses under 'Grades'. We also encourage you to get your child to show you the work s/he has done and the feedback s/he has had. If you have queries about individual subjects, please contact the teachers via the Inbox () function in Canvas.

We are also collating the latest scores from all subjects in one *Engagement in Home Learning (EHL)* report. This gives you a quick overview of engagement per subject. See next page for instructions of how to access this report.

¹ May be fortnightly for 1x a week lessons

1. Go to Canvas (link on the school website: <https://ernestbevin.london/>)
2. Click on Courses 
3. Click on 'Engagement in Home Learning Report'
4. Click on Grades

This report should give you a flavour of how your child has been working. However, please note that we are still refining the technology behind this brand new reporting system.

We will update the engagement in home learning report regularly from now on during this period, to give you an overview in one place.

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Finally, we are very aware at this difficult time that there may be cases where, for a variety of reasons, students are not able to complete work on Canvas. Likewise, our staff may be experiencing personal challenges which impact on their ability to work from home. Please do contact us if we can be of any assistance at this time:

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