

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP WITH COURSEWORK

- Make sure your child attends every lesson, completes homework and catches up any missed work.
- Encourage your child to spend time on their coursework and provide a quiet place for them to work.
- Set aside time to discuss the task set – but remember it is THEIR work! Don't worry about not being an 'expert' – the very act of explaining to someone else cements thinking.
- Offer to read drafts and help with proof reading. Spelling does matter, but don't let your child become overly preoccupied – clarity and thoughtfulness are rewarded too.
- Make sure your child knows the consequences of plagiarism: presenting the work of others as their own can lead to disqualification by the exam board. The internet is a wonderful tool, but ideas that are not their own MUST be referenced.
- Contact your child's English teacher regularly for a progress report or more specific advice.

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www.mediaknowall.com

Helpful info about moving image techniques and terms

www.englishbiz.co.uk

Exercises to improve descriptive writing and much more

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Plot, character and theme summaries for a wide range of novels and plays, plus audiobites and slideshows

www.universalteacher.org.uk

A brilliant site created by an English teacher with background information and task advice

www.podcastrevision.co.uk

Free-to-download revision podcasts useful for skills needed in the Year 10 exam and throughout the Year 11 course.