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Dear parents/guardians,

During the forthcoming days of industrial action on 15th and 16th March, your child in Years 7-10 will be offered online lessons and independent work from all teachers who are not taking part in the industrial action. Therefore:

1. If teachers are in school, they will deliver an online introduction to the lesson [at the very least] and then set classwork to complete independently. Some teachers may deliver whole live lessons if this is more appropriate for the lesson content.
2. Links are provided below for independent work to be used in lessons for which the teacher is not in school.

Please read the information below so that you can support your child to get the most benefit from their days at home.

Satchel One:

Firstly, your child should check Satchel One at the start of the school day by 8.50 to check which teachers are in school. They should then log onto Teams at the time their lesson would have started in school. If work has not been set, they should use the links below for independent work [this is optional].

How to access online lessons:

Your child needs to access Microsoft Teams from a Desktop PC / Mac, Tablet or Mobile Device to take part using their usual school email address and password to log-in. Please contact Network.Support@marplehall.stockport.sch.uk if your child is unable to access this. Full instructions are below:

[Desktop Setup Guide](#)

[Mobile Device Setup Guide](#)

[How to Join an online lesson - Video](#)

One key expectation is that, for safeguarding reasons, student cameras will not be on and students should mute their microphones at the start until their teacher asks them to unmute.

Thank you in advance for your support during this time.

Kind regards,



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Links for independent study:

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 can complete a wide range of low-stakes **Science** quizzes linked to their current curriculum, via the Educake link www.educake.co.uk. These quizzes provide immediate feedback designed to help move students forward in their understanding of Science. They are also really quick and easy to complete at home.

In addition to this, **Year 10** can log on to Tassomai using the link www.tassomai.co.uk to access an adaptive **Science** learning program designed to boost subject knowledge, exam results and student confidence.

We also have all **Science** schemes of work available on the Learning Hub, which your child can be access via our school website using their usual office 365 credentials.

All year groups can also use this time to develop their **Maths** skills via Mathswatch using this link: <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/> to complete independent work, access video tutorials and gain instant feedback on their performance. Students' login and passwords are firstname.surname@marplehall. A guide on how to use Mathswatch is attached should you require further guidance.

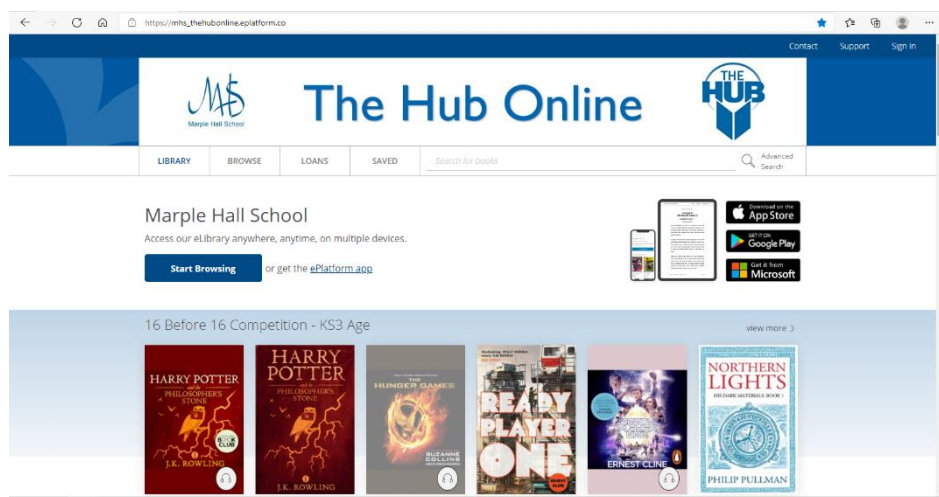
One last, highly recommended option, is to use this time to encourage your child to engage in **recreational reading** via our online library: **The Hub Online**. Our eLibrary allows students free access to 1,250+ ebooks, and to 500+ audiobooks. You will find instructions of how to access *The Hub Online* below.

How to set up and use The Hub Online

Step 1:

Use your web browser to access our amazing new eLibrary:

https://mhs_thehubonline.eplatform.co



Alternatively, you can download the ePlatform app:

Our Mobile Apps (IOS, Android, Windows)

- IOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/eplatform-by-wheelers/id912668852?mt=8>

- Android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.eplatform.android.googleplay&hl=en>

- Windows: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/store/p/eplatform/9nblggh3z38k>

You also may search 'ePlatform' in Play store or iOS store for further information.



ePlatform by Wheelers

Your eLibrary starts here

Wheelers

Designed for iPad

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Step 2:

You will be prompted to 'Find your Library'. Enter our school name: *Marple Hall School*. You'll only need to do this step once. Then, log in using your office 365 credentials. This will be your school email address and your school password.

Step 3:

Pick an ebook or audio book from the expanding collection and click 'borrow'. It's that simple!

** Please note that some ebooks and audiobooks are age restricted. **

A screenshot of the ePlatform interface. On the left is the book cover for 'Northern Lights: His Dark Materials: Book 1' by Philip Pullman. To the right of the cover, the title and author are displayed. Below the title, there is a star rating of 4.7/5 and a blue 'Borrow' button, which is circled in red. Underneath the button, it says 'Loan duration: 2 weeks'. To the right of the book information, there is a 'Save for later' button and a sidebar with details: 'COPIES: 1 available', 'INTEREST AGE: 13+ years', and 'SERIES: His Dark Materials'. At the bottom of the book cover area, there is a 'Look Inside' button.