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Parent & Student
Handbook

2024/25

Welcome To TheOnlineSchool.UK

Where student happiness is our #1 priority!
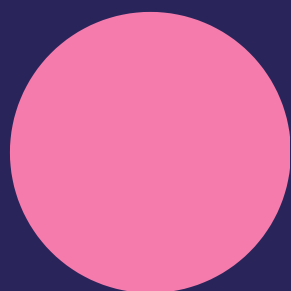
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1 Welcome

To Our Wonderful Community

We are thrilled to welcome you to TheOnlineSchool.UK, a place where education is synonymous with enjoyment!

Our mission is to provide our young people with a high quality learning experience that is personalised, engaging and enriching.

We offer an educational alternative for students unable to access mainstream learning and pride ourselves on creating a comfortable, safe and stress-free learning environment for all students. We celebrate what makes each student different & accommodate their needs through personalised learning plans, adapted teaching techniques, flexible lesson structures & a unique virtual learning platform.

Making the switch to online education is no small step, for many families it is a step into the unknown. We thank you for choosing us as your child embarks on a journey of self-discovery, healing and unlimited academic achievement.

Ali Latif
Founder - TheOnlineSchool.UK

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2 Meet the Team
Behind the Scenes

At TheOnlineSchool.UK, we have assembled a team of dedicated educators and support staff who are passionate about the success of every student.

Let us introduce you to some of the incredible individuals who make our school a nurturing and vibrant community...

Our Founder and Headmaster, Ali, is the visionary behind all things TheOnlineSchool. A welcoming figure, he inspires all staff and students that join our community to achieve their best. Since 2020 he has been committed to creating an environment where every student can flourish both academically and personally.

Marie is Executive Assistant to the Founder. The very definition of efficiency, her role is multifaceted and involves anything and everything from organising Ali's very long to-do list to streamlining internal communications and setting up meetings.

Gemma is our Happiness Management Team Leader, the Head of Student/Parent Satisfaction. She is here to ensure that the experience of every student at TheOnlineSchool.uk is nothing short of amazing, working tirelessly to ensure that the needs of students and their parents are met. She always has a listening ear for your feedback, suggestions or any concerns.

A hybrid between Teaching Assistant and a traditional Head of Year, our wonderful Happiness Management Team work primarily in the live lesson environment to support both students and teachers with any classroom-related queries or pastoral care needs that may arise. They are all incredibly passionate about creating a supportive and inclusive virtual space where your child can thrive both academically and emotionally.

Jamie is our Recruitment Manager. For many of you, she will have been your first point of contact at the school. Jamie's role involves screening candidates and assessing their compatibility with our unique school ethos. If you are reading this, congratulations you made it through!

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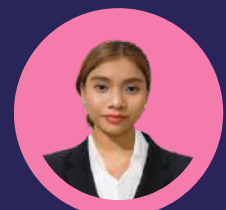
2 Meet the Team
Teaching Staff

Of course, we work in close collaboration with our exceptional teaching staff who deliver lessons according to our unique TOS ethos - encouraging, supporting and challenging our young people throughout their educational journey. Our teachers bring a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and enthusiasm to each virtual classroom, making each and every student's learning experience dynamic and interactive.

All members of staff are DBS cleared, safeguarding trained and invested in our school's mission. They are not only experts in their fields but also caring individuals who are committed to your growth and well-being. Their dedication, creativity, and genuine love for education is evident in everything they do.

Sam and Joe form our Guru Teacher Team. They oversee all teacher training, homework marking and student reporting. It is their job to ensure that all teachers are given the tools, tips and tricks they need to consistently deliver fantastic lessons for our young people. Presenting easily interpreted and informative student progress reporting is also a key facet of their role. The Gurus are the Line Managers for all teaching staff, the first point of contact for anything related to lesson preparation, classroom management, teaching admin and training requests. Both started as teachers of their subject and proved to be reliable, highly-rated by students and dedicated to improving the school - you are in very safe hands!

As you explore The Online School, you will discover a world of engaging lessons, collaborative projects and exciting extracurricular activities. We encourage your child to make the most of their time here, connect with peers, and immerse themselves in the wealth of resources and opportunities available.

Welcome to TheOnlineSchool.UK, a community founded on knowledge, friendship & growth!

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3 Getting Started
Setting Up Successfully

We want to make sure you have a smooth and enjoyable start to your online learning experience. Here are some simple steps to help you get started...

Technological Recommendations: For the best possible experience, we recommend using a laptop or computer to access our virtual classrooms. It doesn't matter which brand you use, but please ensure you have the most up-to-date version of Google Chrome as your browser. This will ensure that you can access all the features and functionalities seamlessly.

Log in and Explore Your Dashboard: After you confirm enrolment at TheOnlineSchool.UK, take some time to explore the personalised student dashboard. Whether a student or parent, familiarising yourself with our platform can help ensure a smooth start to the learning journey. We recommend using the interactive tour available on your dashboard as this will guide you through all the key functions and features.

Double-Check Your Account Information: Context is key! It's essential to ensure that your account information is accurate. Take a moment to review the student name, pronouns, learner level and any SEND information. Accurate and regularly updated information helps us to support your child, keep track of their progress and ensures smooth communication with you as a parent.

Keep an Eye on Your Emails: Make sure to check your registered email regularly as this is where you will receive lesson reminders, our weekly newsletter, communication from staff, confirmation that reports are ready etc.

Locate Your Lessons: Your dashboard is your hub for all things learning! Both live lessons and their recordings can be found here. Your timetable and lesson materials are all easily accessible and you can view your chosen subjects, learner level, teachers and assigned work at any time.

Say Hello with Direct Messages: Head to the 'Message Board' tab on your dashboard to start a group discussion with classmates or private conversation with staff. Parents can also use this feature to contact us directly, teachers and admin staff are all here to help.

Our team is equipped to deal with types of queries and will do their utmost to support you at every stage. If you have any questions or encounter any difficulties, don't hesitate to reach out to us. **We are committed to providing you with an exceptional online learning experience.**

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4 The Virtual Classroom
Learning Together Online

All virtual classrooms at TheOnlineSchool.UK are guaranteed to be safe and engaging environments for learning. Every lesson is a fantastic opportunity for collaboration between teacher and students.

Here's how your child can make the most of their virtual classroom experience:

Ratings and Rewards: At the end of every lesson, both students and teachers are encouraged to reflect on the session. Students have the ability to provide feedback about the lesson, they can rate teacher performance and select an emoji which reflects their feelings. Similarly, Teachers will review the session by assigning thumbs up/down and star rewards to students as indicators of performance and behaviour. These quick reactions will appear on a student's dashboard report accompanied by any personalised comments and/or targets from their teacher.

Demonstrate Classroom Etiquette: Just like in any team situation, it's important for each individual student to embody our school ethos through their classroom conduct. Our classroom guidelines are in place to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone in the virtual classroom.

- Respect others - Treat your teachers and peers with kindness and respect at all times.
- Be mindful of your words and actions - Avoid swearing or inappropriate language.
- Participate positively - Do not spam or share unrelated links in the public chat which disrupt the flow of classroom discussion.
- Protect your privacy - Avoid sharing personal details in public chats, privately message an admin first and they will assist you in sharing with friends.
- Practice patience - Raise your (virtual) hand and wait your turn before unmuting.

If you feel that any of these guidelines have been violated, message staff either inside or outside of the classroom. Teaching support staff are present in lessons alongside the teacher leading the session so effective monitoring and reporting of any incidents is always carried out.

Active Participation: Actively participating in lessons is a crucial part of your learning journey and there are lots of ways to do that. Engage in discussions, ask questions, and contribute your ideas via private or public chat, use microphone and video, answer polls... Remember, there is no such thing as a silly question and your insights can enrich the learning experience for everyone. Your voice matters!

Safety Measures: At TheOnlineSchool.UK, we prioritise the safety of our students. We kindly request that students refrain from sharing personal details in public chats. Instead, they can share contact details with friends during After School Club where admin staff are able to facilitate safe exchange of information.

We believe that a positive and respectful virtual classroom environment enhances the learning experience for everyone. Together, let's create a space where we can thrive academically and forge meaningful connections!

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4 The Virtual Classroom
Our Subjects
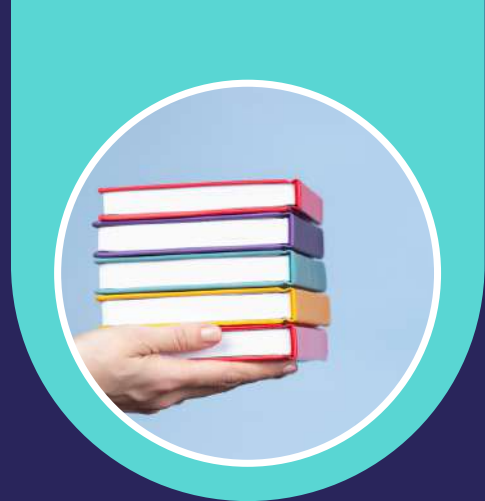
For the academic year 2024-25 we will offer the following subject options……

	KS2	KS3	KS4
Maths			iGCSE Maths
English			iGCSE Language & Literature
Science			iGCSE Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Double & Triple Award Available)
Humanities			iGCSE History iGCSE Geography
Psychology			iGCSE Psychology
Coding		KS3/4 Combined Class (not iGCSE)	
Languages	Food & Languages	Beginner/ Intermediate Spanish	iGCSE Spanish
Life Skills			
Art		KS3/4 Combined Class (not iGCSE)	

4 The Virtual Classroom
Lesson Structure

5MIN	20MIN	5MIN	20MIN
CHILLED INTRO & STARTER ACTIVITY	TEACHING CONTENT - THEORY	MIND BREAK	TEACHING CONTENT - PRACTICE
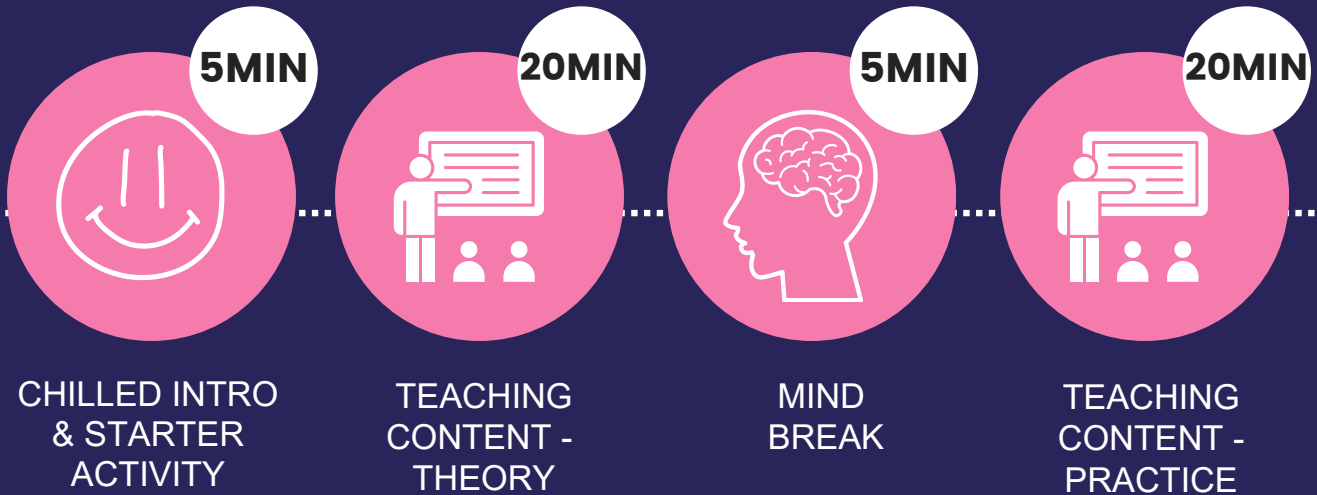
*All lessons start on the hour & last 50 minutes.

'*Mind Breaks*' or '*Brain Breaks*' are a key part of our lesson structure. Why?

They allow students to
...stretch
...use the bathroom
...catch up on note taking
...socialise with other students
...engage in a fun activity
...listen to some relaxing music
...offer lesson feedback or ask for help

They are also important for our teachers...
providing a chance to reflect, prepare the next activity, chat with students, reply to any classroom chat messages or get caffeinated...!

We have our very own TOS Playlist featuring lots of student suggested & school appropriate songs that can be used during your lesson introductions & mind breaks. Your child will have the opportunity to contribute to this during lessons!

4 The Virtual Classroom
How Do We Teach?

with a SMILE & POSITIVE attitude

with ENERGY & PASSION

by responding to student FEEDBACK

by celebrating student SUCCESSES

by creating a CALM, SAFE & PRODUCTIVE classroom

Classroom Interaction

Our classrooms operate using the Big Blue Button platform & students have the opportunity to contribute to the lesson in a number of ways. Students can choose to interact in the way that is most comfortable for them.

- Private message
- Public message
- Poll response
- Microphone & video camera usage

Our teachers will **NEVER**...

❌ Tell a student off

❌ Force a student to interact in a specific way

❌ Break the anonymity of direct messages in front of the class

❌ Talk <u>at</u> their students rather than <u>with</u> them

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4 The Virtual Classroom
Classroom Relationships

The classroom is a place for collaboration between Students, Teachers & Happiness Managers. All groups interact with each other and should endeavour to enhance the positive experience of everyone in the classroom...

Student

- Interact with the teacher during the lesson, providing answers & asking questions which allow teacher to gauge understanding
- Provide lesson ratings which help teachers improve

- Respond to HM messages checking happiness, wellbeing, understanding
- Accept tech support/ advice
- Inform HMs of any unkind behaviour
- Provide further context behind low lesson ratings and feedback about specific teachers or topics

Teacher

- Deliver fantastic lessons which engage and inspire students
- Foster interest and aspiration in their subject
- Answer questions and increase student confidence
- Praise students for stretching themselves and achieving relative to their personal goals

- Work with HM to support students in need of pastoral support
- Recognise struggling students that may need some 1:1 / direct message support
- Working to uphold the classroom guidelines and expectations for behaviour

HM

- Build trusted relationships with students so that they feel able to request and receive pastoral support when needed
- Get to know individual student needs, interests and triggers
- Facilitate class/ level changes if a student is struggling or unhappy in a class
- Echo teacher praise or requests for better behaviour

- Provide teachers with relevant context or pastoral information related to specific students
- Support teachers with tech issues, covering a lesson if needed
- Working to maintain a positive and respectful classroom environment which allows the teacher to deliver a fantastic lesson

5 Academic Enjoyment
Excelling in Your Studies

At TheOnlineSchool.uk, we truly believe that happy students are successful students. We avoid placing unnecessary pressure on our young people and instead encourage them to set their own targets in line with personal future goals.

By establishing a culture of responsibility and commitment, we can create an environment where every student can thrive...

Punctuality and Attendance: Whilst we do encourage students attend lessons regularly and on time, we also recognise that sometimes things happen outside of our control. Students will never be told off for missing a lesson or arriving late, instead we check that they are okay and provide them with the necessary support to catch-up on anything they might have missed. All lessons are recorded as standard so regardless of tech issues, illness or appointments, your child can still access all their lessons.

Commitment to Learning: Our timetable is fantastically flexible in that it offers breaks throughout the school day and an extra long weekend for students. We encourage students to show their dedication and complete some revision or independent study during certain gaps to increase their confidence and consolidate key knowledge.

Completion of Homework Assignments: Homework assignments play a vital role in reinforcing learning and assessing student understanding of the subject matter. We want your child to challenge themselves without feeling overwhelmed so homework tasks are not obligatory. If a student can't complete a particular task, they don't have to. They will not be sanctioned but rather supported through the content and any negative feelings of stress or anxiety.

Exam Preparedness: For many of our KS4 students, iGCSEs are an important objective at the end of their learning journey. Currently there is no online provision for taking iGCSE exams so parents play a crucial role in coordinating and planning their child's exam season. Whilst our teaching team will ensure that students are ready to sit their exams academically, logistically parents are responsible for booking and funding a place at a local exam centre. Our team have plenty of experience in organising the necessary support so will guide families through this process.

We strongly believe that our approach to education creates an environment characterised by care, growth, and success. We believe that putting your child's happiness first will lead to remarkable achievements.

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6 Engaging Learning
Redefining Education

At TheOnlineSchool.UK, we believe that learning should be exciting, interactive, and tailored to the needs of the student.

We strive to provide an engaging learning experience that fosters personal growth and unleashes the potential of each of our young people. Here's some insight into how...

Interactive Homework Submission: We have streamlined the homework submission process to make it convenient for your child. Every student has the ability to edit and upload completed homework assignments seamlessly from within their own dashboard. This user-friendly feature allows teachers to mark submissions efficiently and provide detailed personal feedback to students.

Multimedia Resources and Tools: Our learning materials incorporate a range of multimedia resources to make lessons dynamic and captivating for students of all ages. We encourage teachers to incorporate videos, interactive simulations, educational games and other digital tools into their lesson planning in order to enhance student understanding and bring subjects to life.

Collaborative Projects and Group Work: Collaboration and teamwork are essential skills developed in our lessons. Students can participate in a range of collaborative projects and group work if they choose, working alongside their peers to solve problems, exchange ideas, and develop their communication capabilities.

Personalised Learning Pathways: We understand that every student has unique strengths and areas for growth. In every year group we differentiate by lesson pace, offering Hare and Tortoise classes which allow students to choose the teaching style that's right for them .This flexibility empowers your child to take ownership of their education and tailor their learning experience to suit their needs.

Engaging Assessments: We believe that assessments should go beyond traditional exams. Our assessments are designed to be interactive, thought-provoking, and reflective of real-world scenarios. We work in conjunction with a platform called Seneca Learning which offers enjoyable assessments and detailed progress reporting.

Continuous Feedback and Support: Our teachers are dedicated to the progress and growth of all our young people. Each student has a 'Reports' tab on their dashboard which is added to daily with insights into attendance, interaction, academic and personal progress.

We are committed to creating an engaging learning environment that ignites students' curiosity and nurtures their passion for knowledge. We always welcome suggestions, ideas, or specific requests to enhance your child's learning experience, please don't hesitate to share them with the team.

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7 Support Services
Growing Together Online

The well-being and success of our students is at the core of everything we do at TheOnlineSchool.UK.

We are committed to creating a nurturing and inclusive environment where all our young people can thrive not just academically but personally. Our dedicated support services help us achieve this...

Weekly Assemblies: We invite all students to join us each week in Assembly as it is an opportunity for then to vent, share feedback and receive important updates. Assembly is all about student voices being heard and we love to hear from students about their week both in and out of school. Pastoral support is also always available during Assembly, as with any other lesson.

Life Skills Lessons: All students are actively encouraged to attend Life Skills lessons which follow a unique TOS curriculum which aims to assist our students in becoming well rounded members of society. A wide range of topics are covered throughout the academic year, all with a particular focus on promoting self-confidence, tolerance, respect and critical-thinking. Previous topics include *'Money Management', 'Emotional Regulation: Healthy Coping Behaviours', 'Foundations of Friendship', 'Surviving 24 Hours in the Wild', 'First Aid*"....

Direct Message Support: Both students and parents have the ability to directly message our team at any time. If you have any concerns, questions, or need someone to talk to, don't hesitate to reach out through the Message Board - Speak to Us feature. Our team is here to provide timely and compassionate support when you or your child need it. (Please note: inboxes are monitored during working hours only.)

Debate Club: To promote critical thinking skills and to convert off-topic class discussion into productive discussion, we run a weekly Debate Club which is free to join and open to all KS3 & KS4 students. This club provides an opportunity to develop explanation skills, expand our perspectives, practice active listening and ultimately learn from other students.

Hobbies and General Socialisation: We understand the importance of social interaction and fostering a sense of community. By joining our weekly AfterSchool clubs (open to students in all key stages), students can chat with their peers about their interests outside of school. We also host in person meet-up events every half-term around the UK. Details are announced in the weekly newsletter, make sure you are subscribed!

If you have any questions or need further guidance regarding our support services, please reach out to staff through the Message Board feature on your Student Dashboard.

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8 Assessment & Reporting
Tracking Progress & Success

At TheOnlineSchool.UK, we believe in tracking student progress and providing meaningful feedback to support their growth.

Our assessment and grading system ensures that your child is on track to meet their targets and allows us to celebrate their achievements along the way. Here's what you need to know...

End of Topic Reviews: To gauge student understanding at the end of a topic or unit, teachers will conduct a whole class review during lesson time. These assessments serve as valuable checkpoints to evaluate student comprehension and track progress throughout the course of a unit or academic year. They provide teachers with insight into how they can support individual students as well as their class as a whole.

Ongoing Feedback and Progress Tracking: We believe in the power of timely and constructive feedback. Teachers will provide regular feedback on your child's work, highlighting their strengths and offering guidance on areas for improvement. The feedback which appears on a student's dashboard is designed to support their individual learning journey. The combination of statistics and written comments which populate the student dashboard allows each student, their parents and teachers to chart progress over time.

Celebrating Achievements: We celebrate your achievements and milestones throughout the academic year. Whether it's reaching specific learning goals, demonstrating exceptional effort, or showcasing remarkable progress, we acknowledge and applaud your child\s accomplishments. Students with the most stars each half-term receive Amazon vouchers and weekly student standouts are awarded certificates in assemblies. These celebrations are opportunities to motivate and inspire you to continue striving for excellence.

All our assessment and reporting work aims to provide a comprehensive view of your child's progress whilst continuing to nurture a growth mindset. Embrace the assessment process, value the feedback you receive, and celebrate your achievements along the way!

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9 Extracurricular Activities
Enhancing Your Learning Journey

At TheOnlineSchool.uk, we believe in providing a well-rounded education that extends beyond traditional academics.

Our extracurricular activities are designed to inspire creativity and create social connections. Here are some exciting opportunities available to your child...

Work Experience: Students can work with the team in a variety of role to support with key processes such as teacher recruitment, social media campaigns, marketing and more! These unique opportunities allow students insight into a select few of the roles available to them in the wider working world.

Meet-Up Events: We organise in person meet-up events once every half-term. We meet at a variety of different locations around the UK, all of which are student suggestions. Previously we have visited museums, markets, theme parks and nature reserves. We love seeing students build on the connections they have made online. We look forward to meeting you in person soon!

Virtual Fun Days: Join our virtual fun days, where we bring the excitement of traditional school events to the online world. Participate in virtual talent shows, art exhibitions, interactive games, and more. These events provide opportunities for you to showcase your talents, bond with your peers, and enjoy memorable experiences.

Holiday Clubs: During holidays, we offer engaging and interactive holiday clubs and trial lessons. These clubs provide a variety of activities, such as STEM workshops, arts and crafts, storytelling sessions, and virtual field trips. Join in the fun, explore new interests, and make lasting memories during your break from regular classes.

All our extracurricular activities aim to enhance your child's educational journey, promote personal growth, and create opportunities for connection and exploration. Stay tuned for announcements and updates on upcoming extracurricular activities.

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10 Online Safety
Digital Wellbeing

At TheOnlineSchool.UK, we prioritise student safety and well-being in the online environment. We are committed to creating a secure learning platform for all our students and teaching them how to stay safe in other digital spaces.

Here's what you need to know about our online safety policies and practices...

Personal Information Protection: Safeguarding personal information of tall members of the school community is of utmost importance to us. We have strict policies in place to ensure the confidentiality and security of your data. We will never ask you to share sensitive personal information, such as your address, phone number, or social media accounts, through our platform.

Responsible Online Behaviour: We expect all students to engage in responsible and respectful online behaviour. Treat others with kindness, empathy, and respect at all times. Avoid engaging in bullying, harassment, or any form of harmful behaviour. We have a zero-tolerance policy towards cyberbullying and any students found to exhibit harmful behaviour towards other will be removed from the school. If you encounter any inappropriate behaviour, promptly report it to your teacher or through the designated reporting channels.

Internet Safety Guidelines: Follow our internet safety guidelines to protect yourself and create a secure online experience.

- Use Strong Passwords: Choose unique and strong passwords for your accounts. Keep them confidential and change them regularly.
- Beware of Phishing Attempts: Be cautious of suspicious emails, messages, or links asking for personal information. Verify the source before providing any sensitive details.
- Report Suspicious Activity: If you notice any suspicious activity or encounter unfamiliar individuals in our virtual classrooms, notify your teacher or a member of our support team immediately.

Privacy Settings and Permissions: Familiarise yourself with the privacy settings and permissions available on our platform. Understand how to control who can access your profile information and interact with you. You can review and adjust these permissions to ensure your privacy and online safety by visiting 'account settings' within your Student Dashboard.

Digital Citizenship: We strive to develop responsible digital citizens. Learning how to use technology responsibly, respect others' rights and privacy, and be mindful of your digital footprint form part of our Life Skills programme and all contribute to good online citizenship.

We are here to ensure that the online experience of your family is positive, safe, and empowering. Stay safe, stay vigilant, and let's make your online learning journey a secure and successful one!

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11 Parent Participation
Partner in Education

At TheOnlineSchool.UK, we value the contributions of parents and guardians very highly.

Our website and dashboards have dedicated sections for parent access. These platforms foster collaboration between students, staff and parents. Here are some valuable resources and opportunities available to parents...

TOS Parent Group: Join our Parent Community on Facebook for chances to more actively participate in your child's educational journey and receive the latest updates. The facebook group serves as a platform for feedback, communication, and connection with other parents/families in a similar situation to yourselves. involvement in school activities.

Beta Testing Group: As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we invite parents to join our beta testing group. By participating, you'll have the opportunity to test new features, courses, and ideas before they are fully implemented. Your feedback and insights are invaluable in shaping the future of our school.

Express Concerns and Support: We understand that concerns may arise from time to time. As an existing customer with a live student dashboard, you have direct access to staff via our message board feature. Please log in to your child's account, go to 'Message Board' > 'Speak to Us' & you can chat with the team there. Here you will be able to contact your child's Happiness Manager as well as their teachers.

You can filter your message based on the nature of your enquiry – learner level, reported absence, tech issue, curriculum or homework enquiry, billing, invoices & payment, editing your child's package, complaints. This will help you to quickly contact the relevant member of staff. Our team is here to address your queries, provide guidance, and ensure that you and your child feel supported throughout this educational journey.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): In our Parents Corner, you'll find a section dedicated to Frequently Asked Questions. We have compiled answers to common queries to provide quick and convenient access to information. Check this section regularly, as it may address many of the questions you may have.

Half-Termly Reports: We provide comprehensive half-termly reports that highlight your child's progress, achievements, and areas for further development. These reports offer valuable insights into your child's learning journey and can be shared with home schooling communities to demonstrate the milestones and accomplishments your child has achieved.

We value your partnership and believe that working together is essential for your child's success. We encourage you to take advantage of the resources and opportunities available across our website. Your involvement, insights, and support contribute to creating a vibrant and nurturing educational community.

12 Home Educating
Transition from Mainstream School

How do I deregister my child from mainstream school?

If your child is currently attending or enrolled in a physical school, you <u>must</u> inform the school if you now plan to educate them at home.

The school must accept your letter of de-registration if you're taking your child out to home educate. The school is then obliged to inform the local authority of children removed from its admission register and will give home education as the reason, if notified of this by the parent.

Parents of children withdrawn from school for home education are not legally obliged to inform the local authority themselves, but it is sensible to also do so yourself in order to avoid any misunderstandings as to how you intend to fulfil your parental responsibility for your child's education.

Which subjects should my child take, is there a minimum number of subjects or lessons that they need?

Maths and English are essential subjects. We highly recommend our Base Package which comprises of the three core subjects Maths, English and Science. Subject selection is completely flexible and we encourage all students to select classes that they are interested in. Subjects can be picked up and dropped throughout the year if a student is unhappy with their initial choice(s).

Regardless of subject selection, we will provide evidence of what your child covers in each lesson and this information can be sent to the local authority.

What is the process of booking and preparing for exams?

It is still possible for students to take GCSEs and iGCSEs as well as A levels if they are home educated.

The process is relatively straightforward and our expert team will guide you through the process:
You will need to register your child as a private candidate at a private exam centre local to you. . You will then pay the exam centre directly according to the price of each exam paper and the cost of any extra support or provision requested for your child on exam days. Currently the cost of the actual exam papers ranges from between £150 and £250 depending on the subject and exam levels.

We then provide your child with the lessons and revision sessions they need to prepare for and ultimately ace their exams!

What do I need to show my local authority's home education officer?

Some local authorities will ask to see the child at home or in another location, as well as seeing examples of work done. As parents, you are under no legal obligation from education law to agree to such a meeting or to produce specific evidence . It is however vital to carefully consider the reasons for not doing so, what is in the best interests of your child,? and what is the most sensible approach?

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12 Home Educating
Deregistering Your Child

Below is a template for a letter that can be used to deregister your child from their current mainstream school (either primary or secondary).

If you wish to research further or cite the relevant legislation about removal from the roll (it is not at all necessary), it is:
The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 s(8)(1)(d) Or Education (Pupil Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2010 s(8)(1)(d)

All the information in [ ] in the template below is to be edited and provided by you.

Please note that the process for deregistering is different in Scotland. More information can be found at *www.gov.scot*

[Your Name]
[Your Address]

[Date]

[Name of Headteacher]
[Name of School]
[School Address]

Dear [Name of Headteacher),
Concerning: [Name of Child and Date of Birth]

Please remove [Child's name] from the school roll from [insert date of leaving] as [he/she/they] will now be home educated in accordance with the 1996 Education Act s.(7).

Please confirm receipt of this letter and that [Child's name] has been removed from your registers and the council roll.

Yours sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Relation to Child (e.g. Father, Mother, Legal Guardian etc.)]

13 Academic Calendar
All Events

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2024-2025 Term Dates

September

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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October

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

November

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

December

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

January

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

February

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
27	28	29	31	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

March

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

April

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

May

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

June

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

August

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Legend:

- School Closed for Holidays
- UK Bank Holidays (England & Wales)
- TOS Meet-Up Events (Locations TBC)
- Parents' Evenings (Enrolled Students)
- Open Evenings (Prospective Students)
- Parent Feedback Survey
- Student Feedback Survey

THE ONLINE SCHOOL

2024-2025 Term Dates

September

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

October

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

November

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

December

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

January

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

February

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27	28	29	31	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

March

MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	1	2	3	4

May

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28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

June

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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

August

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Parents' Evenings (Enrolled Students)

Year 11 = October 14th/15th = Year 11

Year 10 & Upper KS2 = December 16th/17th

Year 9 & Lower KS2 = February 10th/11th

Year 8 = March 31st/ April 1st

Year 7 = June 2nd/3rd

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Welcome to the school community!

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