



Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to share with you some ways in which we utilise electronic communication:

* **Key information**, such as term dates or forthcoming events, is located on the website (www.bridgewaterhigh.org) and the Bridgewater High School app (on the App Store and Google Play): **Username = bridgewater, Password = schoolapp.**

* **Notifications** from school, for example reminders about non-uniform days, are made via the Bridgewater High School app (plus, if necessary, texts for those who do not have the app) but obviously any vital information will still be sent in a paper letter and email (copies of which will be on the website and app also).

* **Homeworks** are all to be found on Show My Homework. Your son/daughter should have brought home information about how to log on to Show My Homework. Please enquire about this and if you need further copies then contact me. Pupils who prefer to make a paper note of homeworks also can purchase small notebooks for this use from our main office at a price of 50p each or obviously bring their own.

* **Timetables** will be handed out as paper copies at the start of the year but the Show My Homework app allows pupil/parental access to timetables for familiarisation at home. We would also recommend pupils print extra copies at home in case theirs should go missing.

* **Contact from our staff** e.g. short praise or concerns, will often be sent via email or phone. Please ensure these details are correct (they can be amended via the app).

* **Contact to our staff** can be sent via email (all staff use the format initial.surname@bridgewaterhigh.com, with mine for example being t.eden@bridgewaterhigh.com - staff emails are listed on our website under About Us: Staff), by phone or a letter to the school. Notes for staff, e.g. regarding a pupil having to leave early for an appointment or about a temporary uniform issue, can still be passed on as signed written notes.

* **Pupil email addresses** are also in place and are our recommended method for pupils to communicate with teachers (they can also send messages via Show My Homework). Their email address is their usual school log-in (e.g. 15smithj) followed by @bridgewaterhigh.com – example = 15smithj@bridgewaterhigh.com. To get started, pupils simply need to either visit www.office.com and click Sign In. They should then log in using the email address mentioned above (e.g. 15smithj@bridgewaterhigh.com) and their usual password used when logging into our school network.

* **All pupils can also access Office 365 online and also download copies to their own PCs/Macs/Laptops.** This is not only where pupils will access their email account (as above) but also provides access to other online Office software, including the opportunity to save their work online (within OneDrive). Pupils can download and install up to five copies each of Office 365 for use during their duration as a Bridgewater student.

We do hope you share our excitement about our technologically-based system of communication which (a) helps prepare pupils for the modern workplace, (b) is environmentally sound, (c) saves on needless costs and (d) is representative of a general move in society towards electronic communication.

Finally could I bring your attention to an information evening for all parents, with the first part being for Y7 parents/carers only (see overleaf):





THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

- 5-6pm An opportunity to speak to Y7 PAM Miss Howard should you wish. Please contact Miss Howard in advance to notify her of your intentions: j.howard@bridgewaterhigh.com
- 6-7pm A Show My Homework demonstration and Q&A forum from one of the Satchel team (SMHW's designers).
- 7-8pm An E-Safety information presentation from a representative from Cheshire Police

This is a brand new format for this evening and has a lot to offer Y7 parents/carers. If only attending the SMHW and E-Safety parts of the evening, simply arrive at our Lower School hall at those times.

May I wish you all the best luck for your children's progress through not only Y7 but their future years beyond at Bridgewater High School.

T.M.Eden - Assistant Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Over the next half term Y7 pupils will be completing a unit of work in ICT lessons based around the topic of E-Safety. In conjunction with pastoral staff, we have selected four important areas of E-Safety that we feel would benefit our Y7 pupils. The areas that we have identified are:

- * Cyberbullying
- * Sexting
- * Digital Footprints and having an Online Presence
- * Safe Social Networking

The unit of work will be based around the pupils creating a website about E-Safety for other Y7 pupils. The E-safety topics will be delivered within these lessons, where pupils will be introduced to the topic, shown a video about the topic and then informed on where to go for help and advice if they are ever subjected to any of the issues. All of the videos and resources that we will use are age appropriate and have been provided by CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) a command of the National Crime Agency, who is responsible for protecting children from harm online and offline

All of the teachers delivering the lessons have been CEOP trained and will be able to support pupils fully in these lessons. Before the video is shown in each lesson, pupils will be informed that they will be allowed to leave the room if they feel uncomfortable or upset by any of the content covered.

By completing this unit, all pupils will be more informed on how to understand these dangers and learn how to avoid them. They will also be made aware of whom to report any incidents to should they feel threatened or uncomfortable when using the Internet or other digital technology. If you have any concerns with any of the above, or wish to discuss the content of the lessons further, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's ICT teacher.

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