

Dear Parent/Carer,

During the summer break, you and your child may wish to access resources and materials to enable them to reflect and embed learning from this year ready for the start of the new academic year in September.

Please find a list of opportunities available to your child:

Oaks National Academy

Free online summer learning support. They have a summer package for 5 key subjects including English, Maths, Science, Geography and History. Work for other subjects and previously uploaded work is still available to access through their main website.

[Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](https://thenational.academy)

GCSE pod

All students, in all year groups can access this platform. This platform allows students to access short Pods (videos) relating to all subjects. This platform can also be downloaded as an app on to your phone. Feedback from previous students using this platform has been really positive. All students at SWA can have an account with GCSE Pod, just go to their main site and click 'Log in'.

<https://members.gcsepod.com/login>

GCSE Pod also have a series of bespoke activities happening online this summer to support Year 10 moving into Year 11. This will take place 26th July – 14th August.

Here is some further information from their website regarding online summer school:

Is SummerPod like Summer School? Will the students be taught specific subject knowledge or is it more general advice?

We are providing a small number of videos focussed on subject-specific skills, particularly in English and Maths. However, due to the huge range of subjects covered on GCSEPod and the range of students that will be taking part, the SummerPod live events and activities will be focussed on general life and learning skills such as staying organised, ditching distractions, effective prioritisation and keeping motivated. Students will be encouraged to identify and focus on their individual subject knowledge weaknesses using the self-assessment and learning features on the GCSEPod website such as Check & Challenge. Competitions and fun subject-agnostic activities will drive students to boost their knowledge and build their confidence, no matter what subject area they need to strengthen!

MyMaths and Dr Frost Maths

All students could spend time each week recapping and revising what they have covered in maths this year, so that they do not forget it before September. We have two very good websites set up to allow students to do this.

All students can login to Mymaths using the username: **smith** and password: **vector**

Students moving to year 11 already have a login for Dr Frost, which is their school e-mail address and the password that they set for themselves. If there are any issues logging in they should e-mail Mr Trafford on e.trafford@smithswood.fmat.co.uk.

Beyond the classroom

To support their learning beyond the classroom we have found through the 'Visit Birmingham' website, several locations around the Midlands which have free entry. These include places such as Birmingham Library, Sarehole Mill and RBSA. All details can be found through the link below:

<https://visitbirmingham.com/things-to-see-and-do/attractions/free>

We do hope that the above links will support your child with further educational opportunities and learning over the summer if they wish to access them.

Sincerely,



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