

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience. The Science Department are continuing to work very hard to ensure that your son's learning needs are catered for in this uncertain time.

At Norlington our curriculum is structured around six-week cycles. At the time of school closures, your son would have been in Cycle 4. After Easter, your son will be completing Cycles 5 and 6. For each Cycle, there are clearly marked lesson and resources folders for each unit of work, as well as teacher folders that may be updated with extra tailored resources or guidelines. These resources are accessible in the [Norlington Portal](#).

We encourage students to be active in their learning and in Science we are making this possible by using web services such as Kerboodle and The EverLearner. The learning platforms will enable students to cover the required content from the curriculum and provide online resources and lessons, as well as teacher feedback, where appropriate.

For Year 7-8 students, work is provided for Cycles 5 and 6 in their respective teachers folders. This will be updated on a rolling basis as the weeks of home learning continue.

For GCSE students (Year 9 & 10) there is work which will be assigned WEEKLY on Kerboodle / The EverLearner online platforms on top of work that has been provided via the Norlington Portal. Alongside this, there is access to a digital copy of the textbook with details on how to do this.

Year 11 students will have A-Level transition work to complete to facilitate moving on to KS5 whether they will have chosen to remain at Norlington or have moved on to other ventures.

For Year 12 students, work is provided that covers the A Level Biology / Chemistry / Physics courses as appropriate. You will have been emailed this and are expected to complete this accordingly.

We have tried to make Science accessible by providing lessons and resources in the formats of PDF, PowerPoint and Microsoft Word.

We understand that there might be circumstances that make it difficult for the boys to complete work. We are here to support and assist where possible. Therefore, if you have any Science related concerns regarding the work set or your son's ability to complete the work, please feel free to email your son's teacher or myself directly at jali@norlington.school

If you have any non-Science related issues such as logging in or forgotten passwords please email the school directly at student@norlington.school

Thank you again for your patience.

Warm regards,

The Science Department

*Revision work can still be accessed by Year 11 and Year 13 students

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions about accessing Science resources from Norlington Portal

My son does not have either their exercise book or CGP revision guide that they were using, what can they do?

There are lesson and resource folders for each cycle of work. Years 7 to 8 there are teacher folders that may be updated with extra tailored resources or guidelines accessible in the Norlington Portal.

There's a lot of stuff there, do they have to do all of it?

We've made clear the expectations for all of our students. This does not mean that there is undue pressure on you to do everything.

We would be expecting our Years 9, 10 and 12 students to be thoroughly engaging with the resources as they will be focusing on GCSE and A Level preparation in the next academic year.

There's a lot of stuff there, where do they start?

We've made clear guidelines for all year groups that detail the units of work and further details on resources. It's a good place to start before looking into the unit folders.

For Years 7 to 10 lessons are placed in labelled teachers folders for ease.

Do they have to submit work, and will they receive feedback?

As a core subject, we would be expecting our Years 9, 10 and 12 students to be thoroughly engaging with the resources as they focus on GCSE and A Level preparation.

With learning platforms such as Kerboodle / The EverLearner there is an opportunity for tasks to be given out and work to be submitted. Feedback will be given where appropriate and may not always be individual. We will endeavour to give feedback as promptly as we can.

They've got siblings at home and/or there isn't a quiet space to work how can they get the work done?

We totally understand that for some of our students this is going to be hard. We ask that they engage with this work at a pace that is suitable for them – this could mean weekly instead of daily.

Will I need Microsoft Office to access the resources?

Not necessarily. We have duplicated our resources into PDFs for easy access in terms of viewing and printing – however, you will not be able to type directly onto it.

What if the computer breaks down, and they don't have their book, how should they complete the work?

Use a writing pad (you might be able to get this from a local supermarket), or a mobile phone could be used to make notes (there is an already installed Notes app) and access the online platforms. You can also contact the school where we will be able to send out a work booklet if that is helpful.

Can I just use websites and YouTube videos instead of the work you have provided?

Yes, you can use these as *additional* resources. Remember that the exam boards for GCSE Science is AQA and for A-Level Biology and Physics is also AQA whilst Chemistry is OCR. So, make sure that additional resources use criteria for these exam boards. For Years 10 and 12, your teachers **will need to see evidence of this work when you come back as even the additional resources will have practice assessments and revision tasks that will need feedback.**

I think that my son will race through the work!

The Science Department have been working hard and will continue to be working hard to deliver lessons and resources that reflect the range of our broad, interactive and challenging curriculum. Additional weekly lessons may be in the form of online quizzes/questions or other activities. It is important to encourage your son to take their time with the work – try to get them see this as a marathon and not a sprint!

How does my son get onto the learning platforms such as Kerboodle / The EverLearner?

Teachers have sent out emails with clear instructions. If you have misplaced the email please email at jali@norlington.school for support with the following details:

- Your son's name
- Your son's class
- Your son's teacher

Interaction with teachers on the learning platforms will be active **after** the Easter Holidays and **during** term time.