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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about the launch of Seneca, an online learning platform that we will now be using at Weldon Village Academy to support student learning and homework. Staff are currently receiving training, but we plan to launch this school-wide after the half term break.

Seneca will be used primarily to set homework for students in Years 9 and 10 in some subjects, helping them to revisit key knowledge, strengthen understanding and practise exam-style questions in an engaging and structured way. The platform adapts to students' responses, supporting effective independent study and revision. Students sign in with their WVA email address and password, rather than having additional log on credentials.

For Key Stage 3 maths and English, we will continue to use our established and successful platforms:

- SPARX Reader, to support reading and literacy
- SPARX Maths, to support mathematical learning and practice

The Science department have been using Tassomai for Years 9 and 10 but will now use Seneca instead as the materials are better suited to our curriculum offer. We will no longer be using Tassomai at all as a school. Seneca will be set for both KS3 and KS4 Science.

These platforms remain an important part of our approach to homework and independent learning for younger students. Please refer to the table below to see a list of the platforms we currently use for subject homework.

In addition to using these platforms, subjects will also be setting more traditional paper-based homework and revision, particularly in the run up to work showcases. Where this is the case, these will always be set on Microsoft Teams so parents and students can view assignment details.

You should already have received an email welcoming you to Seneca directly from them. This includes access to helpful videos and additional guidance designed to support you and your child in logging on and using the platform, as well as enabling you to track your child's progress over time.

We believe that Seneca will be a valuable tool in helping students develop strong study habits, alongside SPARKS and Active Learn. As always, we are grateful for your continued support in encouraging your child to engage fully with their homework and learning at home.

If you have any questions or require further support, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Gray
Vice Principal

Homework Platforms at WVA		
Dept	KS3 (Year 7/8)	KS4 (Year 9/10)
English*	SPARX Reader	Seneca
Maths*	SPARX Maths	SPARX Maths
Science*	Seneca	Seneca
Geography		Seneca
History		Seneca
French		Activate
Product Design		Seneca
Business Studies		Seneca

*Please note that mandatory homework is set weekly in the core subjects of English, maths and science.