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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This academic year we invested in an innovative literacy improvement tool called Bedrock Vocabulary. This remote learning platform supports wider reading and engagement with cultural capital knowledge, whilst simultaneously helping students to learn new academic vocabulary.

The programme supports each student through an initial assessment test; they progress at a level that is accessible, yet challenging. As your child progresses through the curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. They will also fill in an online vocabulary notebook to practise using this vocabulary, and you can see and edit this yourself via the parental engagement features.

We require all year 7 students to access this provision at least twice a week: one session is incorporated into the tutor time curriculum and one is expected to be completed outside of school, this being part of their English weekly homework expectation. Each session is captured and recorded and helps students to gain 'Bedrock points'. The homework element is linked to Edulink and students need to consolidate their learning via Microsoft forms by choosing three new terms to define and apply, demonstrating their learning. We hope to celebrate our students' commitment to progress in literacy through termly awards and recognition for their time dedicated to learning new vocabulary.

You will be able see the vocabulary your child is learning via the parent App. Here you can track, encourage and support your child to make the most of this provision; using the new vocabulary at home can really support confidence and fluency.

You can access the site and create your own account using the same passwords and access codes that will be provided to your child via their English teacher.

Follow the following steps to access the parental support features:

- ✓ Step 1: Visit <https://app.bedrocklearning.org>.
- ✓ Step 2: Click on the 'Parent/Teacher' tab.
- ✓ Step 3: Complete the parent sign up sheet and enter the codes provided to your child by the school and create an account. If you need support with accessing this information please email: ntalbot@brookeweston.org
- ✓ Step 4: Check your email for your password, and then log in. Be sure to check your junk folder if no email arrives.

Many thanks for your continued support with engaging literacy at Brooke Weston.