

14th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Tassomai Homework

We have now launched Tassomai to all Year 7 students through Google Classrooms. Accounts for students in Years 8 to 11 are active and they have been placed in their respective classes. This will form a compulsory part of their science homework and needs to be completed weekly.

Tassomai is an online learning program that prompts students to answer questions tailored to their individual science needs. The program employs an intuitive algorithm crafted to expand students' knowledge, monitor their progress and enhance their mastery in specific topic areas. Tassomai records the progress that students make, so that staff can monitor learning and provide further support where needed. All students at Magna now have access to this learning platform as part of our homework and effective revision strategy.

Students can access the programme using the free downloadable app on their mobile phones, on a tablet or by using the website on a computer. The programme generates a variety of easy to complete micro-quizzes, based on the students' needs. Students who log in regularly make the most progress as the program learns their strengths and areas for improvement.

Many students are already using this app effectively and easily answering the minimum required questions each week. The weekly Tassomai expectations are:

- Year 7, 8 & 9 students answer 30 questions correctly each week.
- Year 10 & 11 students answer 60 questions correctly each week.

Our pilot use of Tassomai demonstrated that students should be able to complete more than the minimum correct answers required in the time allocated. However, we would like to emphasise that, in order to maximise the effectiveness of this resource, students should strive for accuracy rather than speed.

Any students who require additional support or reasonable adjustments to be made should contact their science teacher in the first instance, who will liaise with the Phoenix team in order to assess the needs of individual students.





National Teaching School designated by National College for Teaching & Leadership National Support School designated by National College for Teaching & Leadership From the 12th of September, all students will be expected to complete their Tassomai homework each week by Sunday 11:59 pm. Students can complete questions over multiple days or all on one day which will count towards their homework.

A video explaining how to log on the first time and demonstrating expectations has been posted onto all the Year 7 Google Classrooms. Students in Years 8 to 11 are already familiar with the platform. If your child is in Years 8 to 11 and new to Magna, please ask them to come and see Mrs Bleeze, Director of Science in G93.

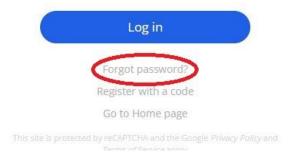
Login instructions for students are as follows:

- 1. Go to <u>www.tassomai.com</u> or <u>this link</u> for android users or <u>this link</u> for iOS users.
- 2. Go to 'sign in'
- 3. Enter your academy email address please check spelling and punctuation
- 4. Enter the password you have set yourself (for Year 7 the password is given in the post on Google Classrooms)
- 5. Ensure you are on the Quiz tab and start attempting questions

Frequently asked questions

1. I have forgotten my password.

You can reset your password via the 'Forgot Password?' link. Following the instructions will send a reset link to your academy email address.



2. I have tried to reset my password but it isn't working.

Please check you are typing your academy email address correctly. The most common mistake is mis-spelling 'aspirations'. If this still doesn't work, please contact Mrs Bleeze, Academic Director of Science.

3. If I have completed a daily goal, does that mean I have completed my homework?

Not necessarily. Tassomai is designed to be completed by doing some questions each day. You will need to check the number of questions answered correctly to check your progress, especially if you leave it all for one day (instructions given under question 4). To carry on quizzing, just click continue.



4. How do I check how many questions I have answered correctly?

When you have finished a quiz, go to the homepage - little house icon top left of the screen. Click 'usage' and it will bring up a screen showing lots of data. Find the correct answers box to check your progress.



5. I am only getting questions from one science.

This will happen at first until you complete a certain amount of correct questions for that science. If you have completed some goals and want variety straight away you can open new content yourself via the topics tab.

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6. I have a lot of after academy commitments on Monday to Friday. Can I complete Tassomai over the weekend?

Tassomai is best completed a bit at a time across all week days but you can complete it all on one day, which can be a Saturday or Sunday. If there are exceptional circumstances that make this difficult, please contact Mrs Bleeze directly.

Tassomai is an incredibly valuable learning tool for science and we want to ensure students get the maximum benefit from their homework. There will also be a Tassomai workshop for students in G93 on Tuesday 19th September from 3.00pm - 4.15pm.

Please ask your child to direct any further queries regarding Tassomai to their science teacher or Mrs Bleeze.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Bleeze Director of Science