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Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to inform you that we have now launched our latest online tool to support your child's independent study right across the curriculum- SAM Learning. This will complement our existing mathswatch tool that is having significant impact in getting pupils to commit to homework as well as attain the very best maths GCSE outcomes. The table below exemplifies the impact for pupils who took their GCSEs in summer 2018 who made extensive use of the mathswatch tool:



The figures represent gains in GCSE grades beyond the typical outcomes for similar pupils nationally. E.g. +2.5 means two and a half GCSE grades above similar pupils nationally.

2018 – top 10 selected	
Student	Progress 8
Pupil A	1.64
Pupil B	1.36
Pupil C	1.36
Pupil D	1.22
Pupil E	1.17
Pupil F	0.96
Pupil J	0.94
Pupil K	0.94
Pupil L	0.89
Pupil M	0.77

The two links below give you an overview of what SAM Learning is and what we hope to achieve by making use of this tool here at The King's. These links can also be found on the school website under the parents' tab.

[SAM Learning FASNA / ITN video](#)

[SAM Learning Demonstration Video](#)

SAM Learning has proven impact for those students who commit to using it as a matter of routine. The more hours of independent study over time the bigger the impact. For all SAM Learning tasks set by teachers we have set an ambitious 80% pass mark threshold. All the evidence shows that this level of success combined with hours of usage generate the biggest impact for GCSE outcomes.



Proven Impact

A ten-year series of impact studies by FFT (Fischer Family Trust) shows real impact on progress, especially at GCSE by students with 10 task hours use of e-learning. What's more students with the lowest prior attainment, including disadvantaged students, improve nearly double the average.



Your child has been issued with a login for the SAM Learning tool and teachers are beginning to use SAM Learning as part of lessons as well as for setting homework. Any homework assigned to your child will sit on their account indefinitely so you can always check in and see where they are up to.

We strongly encourage you to do this

SAM Learning covers a wide range of curriculum areas and offers a mix teaching approaches. Your child can log on at any time to complete an assigned task or to choose their own study focus. Like the mathswatch online tool one of the great features of SAM Learning is that your child receives immediate feedback on their performance from the vast majority of activities.

SAM Learning can be accessed from a wide range of devices, from computers and tablets to mobile phones and even an Xbox.

The format for your child's login is 250798ww (their date of birth followed by their initials). At the first login the password is the same as the username.

Don't worry if you do not have internet access or a computer at home. Your child can use the school core provision 'homework club' which runs Tuesday to Thursday 3:00-4:00 to get their SAM Learning work done.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Wilson', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr W Wilson

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