

How to keep up with your studies when you are away from school

1. Complete Home Based Learning (HBL) using the Student Learning Space (SLS)

Access the platform at home every day and study at your own pace. If you have the time to do so, it is a good idea to look back at previous lessons and materials available on SLS as a form of revision and to correct past mistakes.

The SLS platform can also be used to reach out to your classmates and teachers through its messaging system! Take the opportunity to ask questions and clarify your doubts as you go along.

Your teachers may ask you to attempt online tests and assignments to see if you understood the lesson. You will be able to see which questions you got wrong and the reasons why – remember to read the explanations carefully in order to learn from them.

2. Self-study

While you stay home, do spend some time reading your textbooks and lesson notes on your own. This will help you to retain information previously covered in school and ensure that you do not forget concepts during your time away.

It may get boring to read the same books for long periods of time. If you feel yourself losing the motivation to study, try doing the following:

- **Attempt other kinds of learning materials that will help you focus on concepts.** Listen to audio books, read digital books, and look for online tests to complete. You may even watch videos which explain and revise difficult concepts – but remind yourself to stay disciplined and avoid distractions!



- **Make sure that your study schedule is balanced.** This means that you should alternate hard subjects with those which you find easier. It is also helpful to take breaks in-between every subject to give yourself time to rest and process what you have learnt. These breaks can be as short as 5 minutes, and you may use the time to go to the toilet, look out of the window, do some stretching, or eat a healthy snack.

For example,

9am: Math (hard)

10am: 5 minute break

10.05am: English (easy)

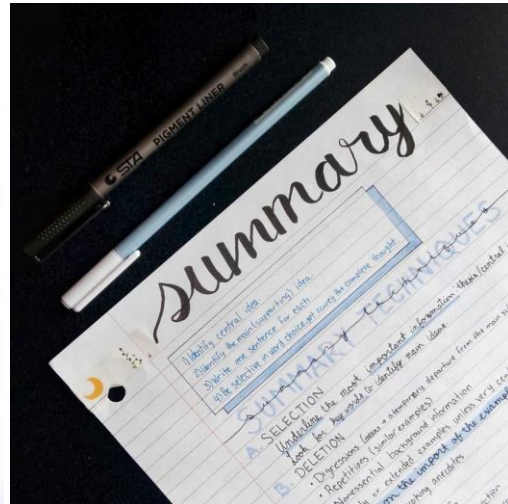
11.05am: Snack break

11.20am: Science (hard)

12.20pm: Lunch

1.30pm: Mother Tongue (easy)

- **Write your own notes.** As you study, you can keep yourself engaged by writing your own notes on a separate piece of paper or on a notebook. Your notes will help you to understand and remember what you have learnt, and revision will be much easier after this! If you like, use your favourite coloured pens and highlighters to mark out important points.



- **Give yourself mini-tests.** Besides mock exam papers and quizzes that are available online, you can even utilise your past worksheets as mini-tests! Cover your answers with a piece of paper and re-attempt the questions to see if you can get them right. Doing so will help you see which topics you are confident in and if you have learnt from past mistakes. You may even find ways to spice things up – set yourself a challenge to get a certain number of questions right or to complete the worksheet accurately within a time limit.