



St Bede's

Catholic School
& Sixth Form College

Arbor homework setting – information for all parents

Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to inform you that after a trial this term, we are rolling out setting homework on Arbor.

This means that you will see what homework has been set, when it is due and when it has been submitted. We know you want to support your child in completing homework and hopefully this will make it easier.

What will it mean for parents?

When you log in on Arbor, you will get a list of assignments. This will just be an electronic list of the various homework that has been set in your child's lessons. Clicking on a homework will then give any more detailed information required for completing the task. Homework will still be submitted in the usual formats e.g. paper based directly to teacher or via their usual online platform e.g. Sparx, EverLearner etc.



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Overdue Assignments	
7CD/En1: War Literature Quiz (Due 19 Feb 2026)	Waiting for student to submit
7CD/Ma1: Sparx Homework (Due 05 Feb 2026)	Waiting for student to submit
Assignments that are due	
7CD/Ma1: Sparx HW (Due 02 Apr 2026)	Waiting for student to submit
Submitted Assignments	
7D/Ar: Art history booklet - impressionism complete questions on back (Due 23 Mar 2026)	Submitted
7CD/En1: Letter to the front (Due 29 Jan 2026)	Submitted
7CD/En1: World War 1 Research (Due 22 Jan 2026)	Submitted

Once the deadline has passed, teachers will then identify if work has been submitted via the usual methods and will then go back onto Arbor to update the markbook for that task. Please be aware scores will not be visible on this platform. Marking and feedback will be given to pupils using the usual methods.

Teachers will then issue positives and sanctions as usual once submission deadlines have elapsed.

Hopefully, having clearer communication with parents will help completion rates of homework as you can support your child prioritising their deadlines.

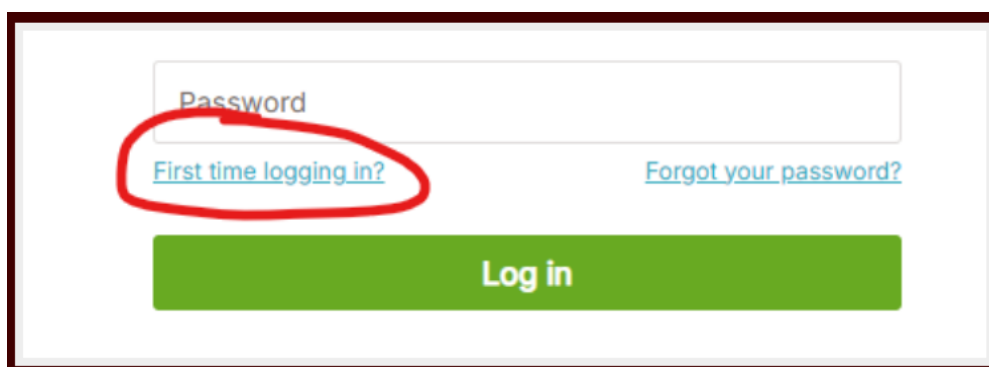
Arbor Student App

Students can download their own version of the Arbor app so they can also see an electronic list of their homework deadlines. They will also be able to see a summary of achievement and behaviour points and well as other key messages. This can also be accessed through the Arbor student portal for families who do not wish for their child to have a smartphone.

The Arbor Student App is available from your devices App Store. We ask students to download and log into the app in readiness for after the Easter holidays, as this will be the central location for all student focused information from school.

First time logging in:

Go to: [St Bede's Arbor](#) – Click the 'First time logging in' link



At this point you will need to enter your St Bede's e-mail address ending in @stb.bwcet.com
Next, log into your [Office 365 Outlook](#) to access the password reset link. Once your password has been reset, you will then be able to log into Arbor with your new password.

Downloading the Arbor App

The Arbor Student app works on both Android and iOS.

[Apple Store – Arbor Student App](#)

[Arbor Student App – Apps on Google Play](#)

Full support for setting up and using Arbor accounts are available on our website via this link [Arbor Student App – St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College, Lanchester](#)

To clarify, this app is purely for out of school use. Homework only ever gets set by a teacher and there is nothing a pupil would need to do on Arbor in school with regards to recording homework etc. Planners are still used so pupils can record homework by hand. St Bede's operates a mobile-phone-free environment for all students in Years 7–11. This means students must not use, check, display, or interact with mobile phones at any point during the school day. The rollout of the Arbor student app will not conflict with this policy.

Best wishes,

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