

VIBE



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Welcome to the Spring VIBE newsletter. We hope it finds you healthy and happy in these challenging times.

Accessing Google Classroom via Xbox or PlayStation

Below are some instructions for alternative ways of accessing Google Classroom which might be of interest to you or someone you know.

For Xbox:

- Plug a wired keyboard into your Xbox One, Series X or Series S via one of the USB ports on the front or back.
- Press the Xbox button top-centre of the controller and head to 'My games and apps' in the side menu.
- Click on 'see all', scroll down to 'apps' and you will see Microsoft Edge in the icons on the right-hand side. Open it.
- Type classroom.google.com into the URL bar at the top and log in as you would on a PC using your school Gmail account.
- You can either use an Xbox controller to move the cursor or a separate USB mouse plugged into one of the other ports.

For PS4 or PS5

- Plug a wired keyboard and/or mouse into the USB ports on the PS4 or PS5 - each console should recognise them.
- In the URL bar of the browser, type classroom.google.com and then log in using the details provided by your child's school.

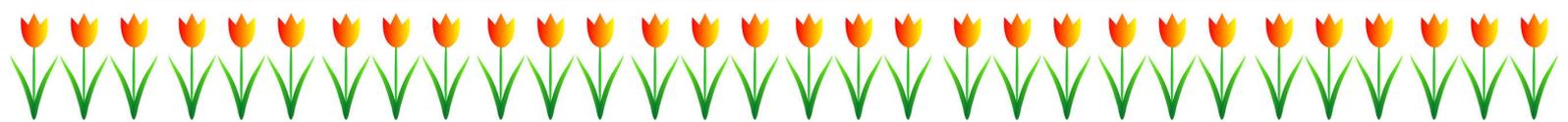
You can now access Google Classroom.

In some cases you might not be able to do everything you can on a laptop or PC, but you can, at the very least, access Google Classroom and see what work your teacher has assigned for you to do.

Reference: Henderson, R. (2021) How to Access Google Classroom. Available at: [How to access Google Classroom on Xbox and PlayStation \(pocket-lint.com\)](https://pocket-lint.com/how-to-access-google-classroom-on-xbox-and-playstation/)

Training

2 nd March	VI allocation – KAB Liaison	Virtual – 1:30 – 3:00
16 th March	Dyslexia and Dyscalculia training – AM	Orchards – 9:00 – 4:00 – may be virtual.
VI Seminar	Teaching maths concepts to blind students - PM	Anyone welcome
20 th April	VI allocation – TBC	Orchards - 1:30 – 2:30





VI Extra

Our VI exhibition of resources, services, technology and activities for children and young people with visual impairment was originally planned for March. However, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, this has been postponed. Further details will be confirmed later in the year.

Heart of KAB Awards 2020

Kent Association for the Blind recently announced their winners. Categories included Young Person of the Year in which some of our young people were recognised as highly commended. One of which was Theo who works with a very proud Nicola Tallon. She writes:



Congratulations to Theo, who is highly commended in our Heart of KAB Awards in the Young Person of the Year category. As Theo's Mobility Instructor I was delighted to be able to hand over his award in person, albeit 2 meters away due to current social distancing guidelines.

I nominated Theo for this award as he had worked so hard on his life skills and mobility skills during lockdown in 2020.

Theo regularly went out for a mobility lesson with either his mum and dad or with me via a video link until we were able to resume our outdoor sessions. Theo continued his development of scanning with his long cane. Theo's life skill sessions were also completed via video link with myself. We completed numerous jam sandwiches, honey sandwiches, grated cheese sandwiches, toast with butter and pizza!

Finally, our very own Head of Service Suzanne Wilkins, has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from KAB. We would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations and many thanks for your years of dedication.

Suzanne was nominated by Lisa Bell, Karen Martin and Jo Clarke for her work in Kent with services for children and young people with sensory impairment. She has a wealth of knowledge and willingly supports all colleagues working in sensory impairment. Lisa, Karen and Jo also said she was inspirational as a teacher and a role model.



Important

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