

Introduction to Essential Apps for Academic Success at International School Almere

Welcome to the International School Almere!

At our school, we believe that effective use of technology is crucial to ensuring a smooth and successful academic journey. To support our students, parents/guardians, and teachers, we utilize several essential applications that help manage various aspects of school life, from organizing schedules to submitting assignments and accessing important resources.

This guide provides comprehensive information on how to use our three most important apps:

- ManageBac (See page 2)
- SOM/Zermelo (See page 13)
- OneDrive (See page 16)

All these apps are easily accessible through the International School Almere SharePoint portal: https://isalmere365.sharepoint.com.

Please ensure that your student's email account is activated to access these resources.

By mastering these essential applications, students will be well-equipped to manage their academic responsibilities efficiently and effectively.

We encourage all members of our school community to familiarize themselves with these tools to enhance their educational experience.

We hope this guide helps you navigate the digital landscape of our school and supports you in achieving academic success.

For further assistance regarding ICT issues feel free to contact to our ICT personnel at: it@secondary.isalmere.nl

Warm regards,

Jose Zuniga International School Almere



ManageBac

ManageBac is our primary platform for curriculum **planning**, assessment management, and reporting. It is currently used by more than 3,000 IB World schools.

It serves as a central hub where students can access their assignments, submit work, and receive feedback and grades from teachers. Parents can also use ManageBac to stay informed about their child's academic progress and upcoming deadlines.

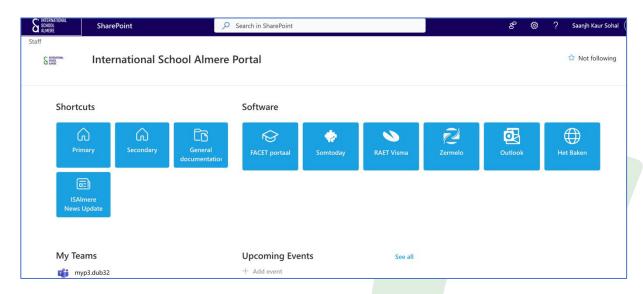
ManageBac is a web-based application. All you need is an internet connection and a modern web browser with JavaScript enabled. We would recommend using Google Chrome for the best experience, but the latest versions of Safari, Firefox, and other internet browsers should all work on both Macs & PCs. ManageBac for Mobile is available for students, parents, teachers with the full equivalency of web functions.

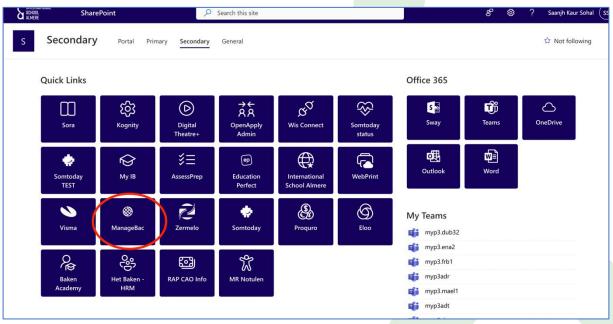
This section of the guide will walk you through the basics of navigating ManageBac, including how to log in, access coursework, track academic performance and submit assignments:

- Accessing to ManageBac and checking the **calendar** for formative and summative assessments.
- Revising the **Service as Action** Activities
- Revising **Messages** from teachers/staff members
- Revising **grades** per task and per term
- Uploading your work

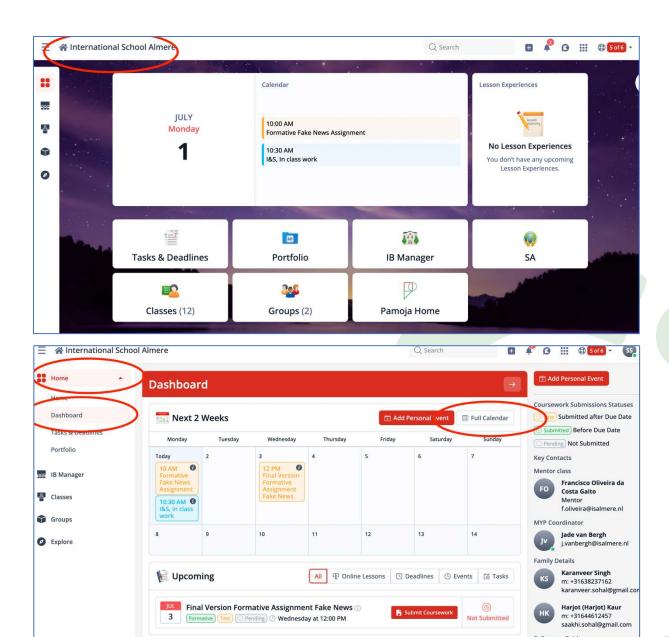


- Accessing to ManageBac and checking the calendar for formative and summative assessments.
- Login to your International School Almere SharePoint portal: https://isalmere365.sharepoint.com.
- Follow the next steps:

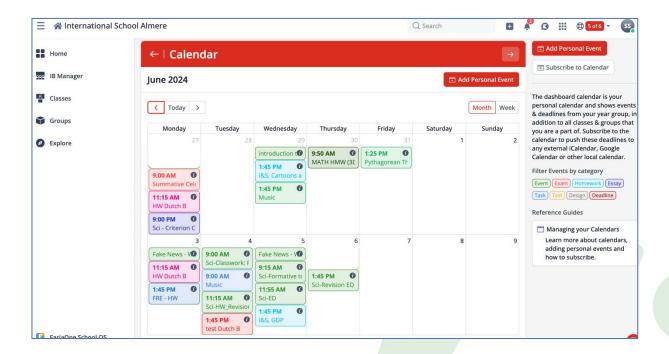




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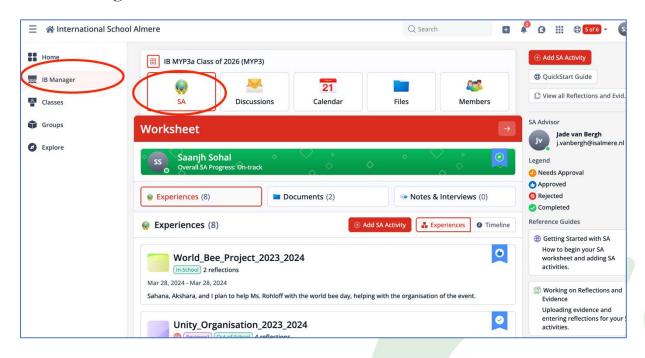




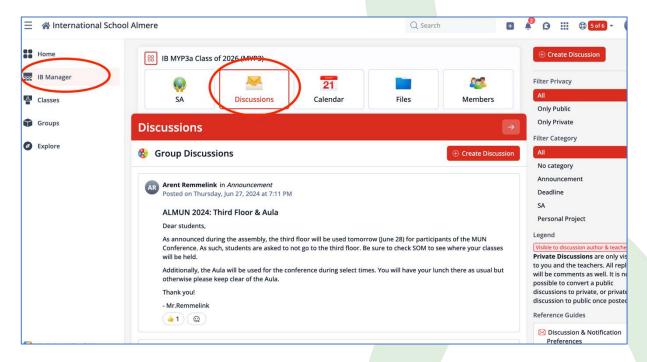
Please note that tasks in red are summative. This means, they will be graded according to the respective subject criteria.



• Revising the **Service as Action** Activities



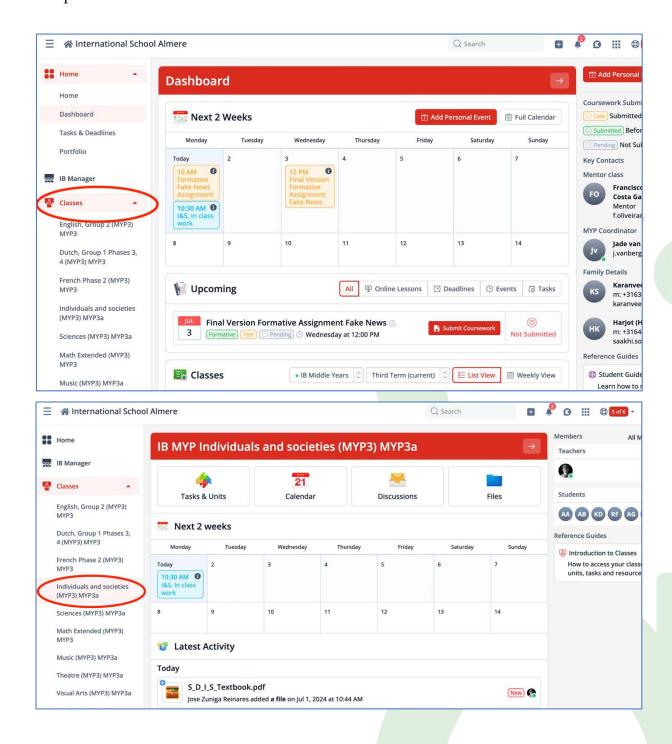
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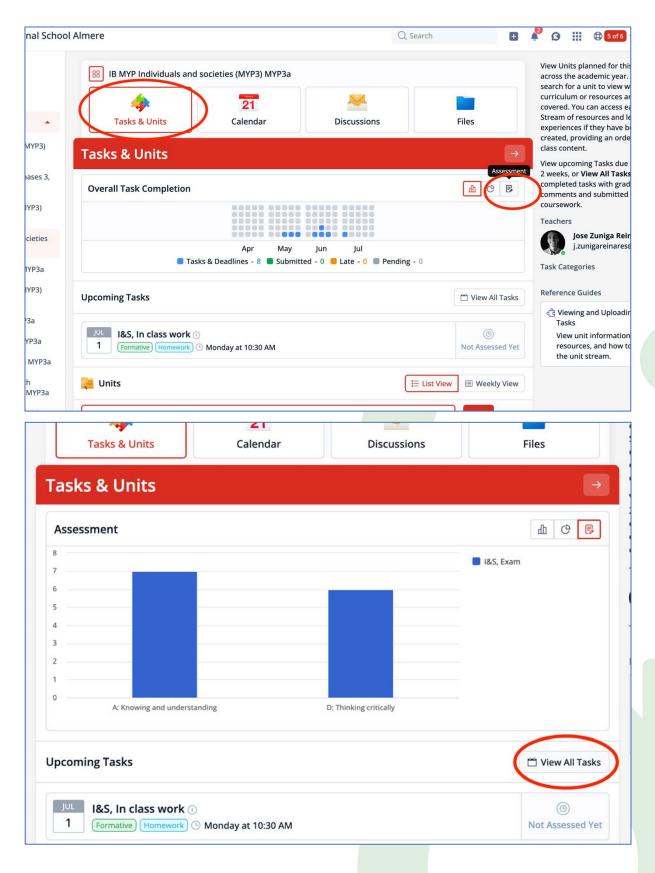


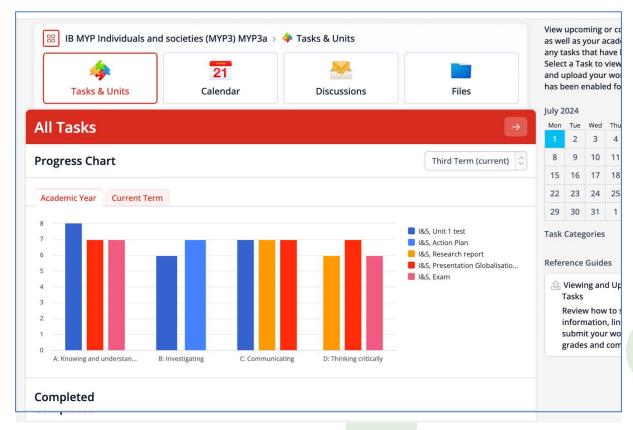


• Revising your grades per task and per term

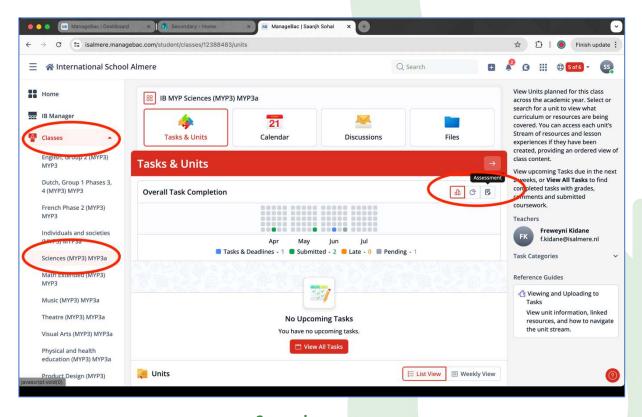
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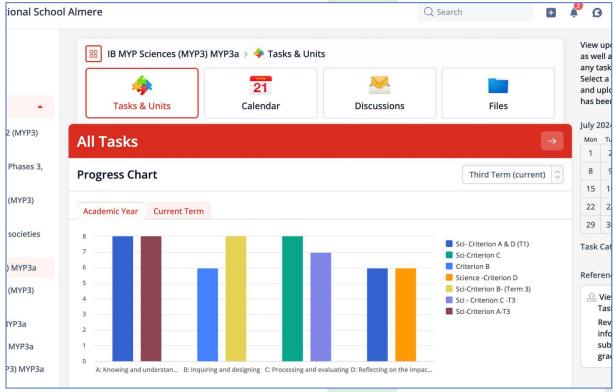




Example 2: Sciences

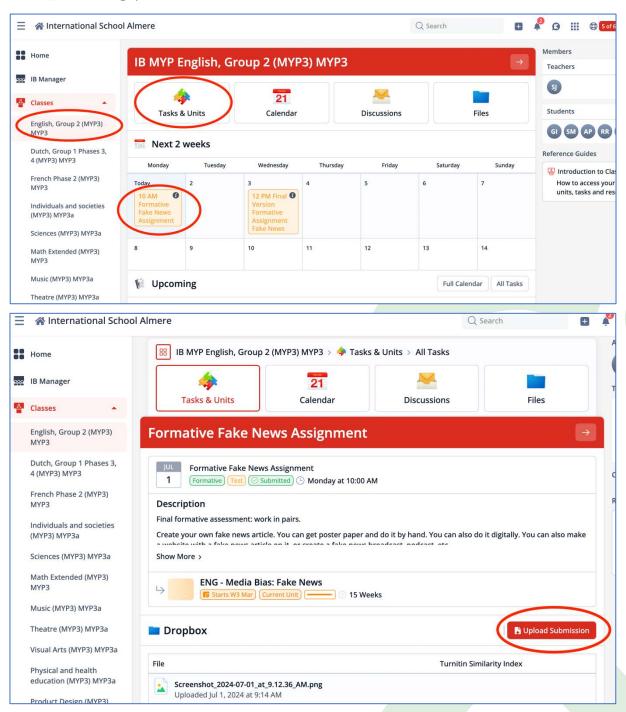




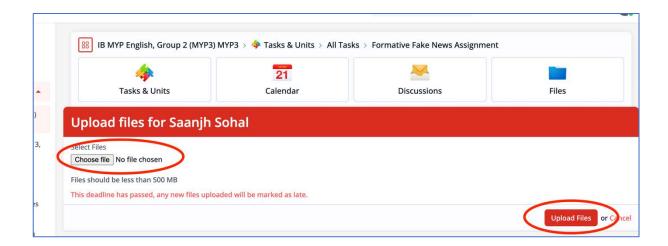




• Uploading your work







For further information, feel free to watch the following tutorial from the International School Wassenaar:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p14S6NDjO0M&t=586s



SOM/Zermelo

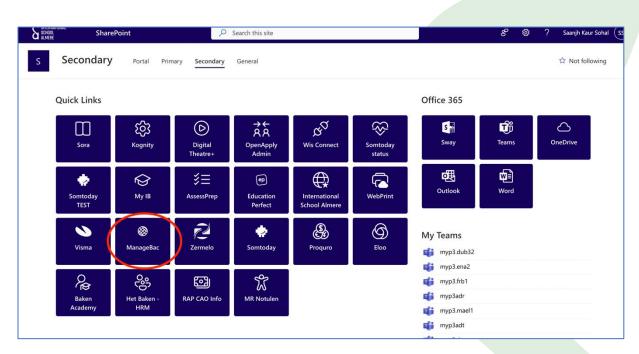
SOM and Zermelo are our scheduling and timetable management system.

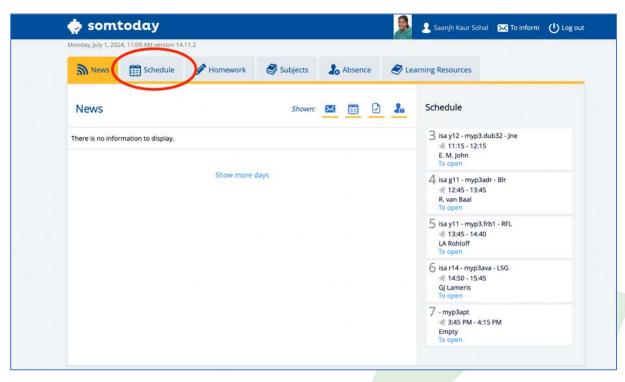
They provide students and parents with real-time access to **class schedules** and any changes that may occur throughout the school year.

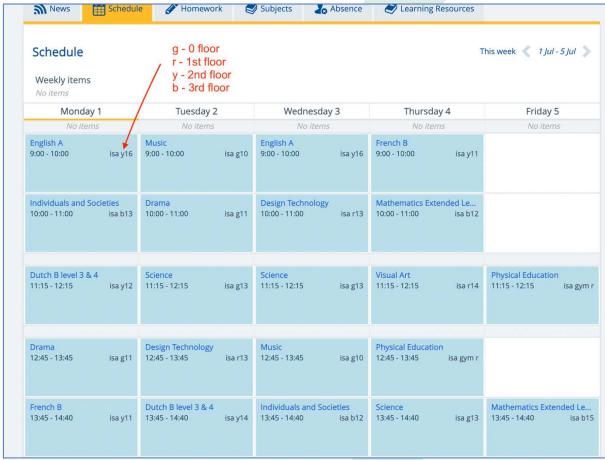
Understanding how to effectively use SOM/Zermelo ensures that students are always aware of their class timings and can plan their study time efficiently.

This section will guide you on how to log in, view and interpret your schedule.

• SOM:

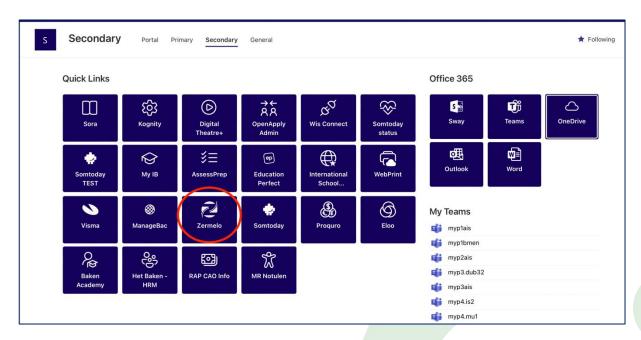


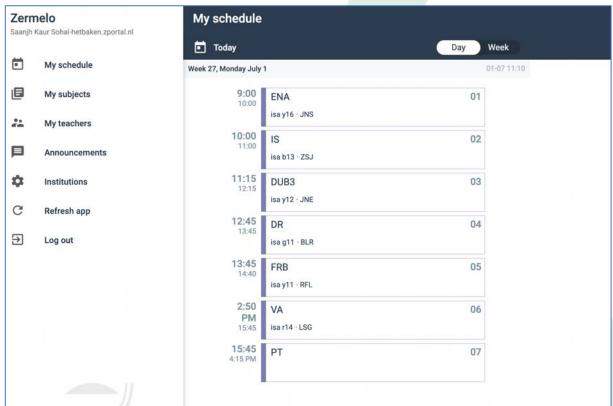






• Zermelo:





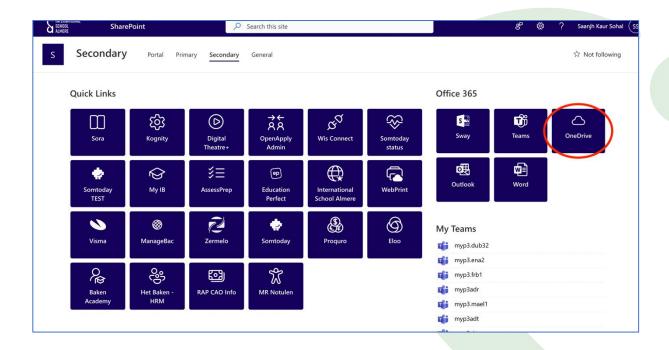


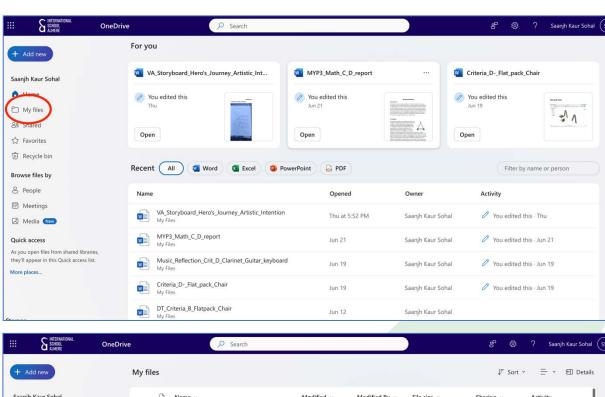
OneDrive

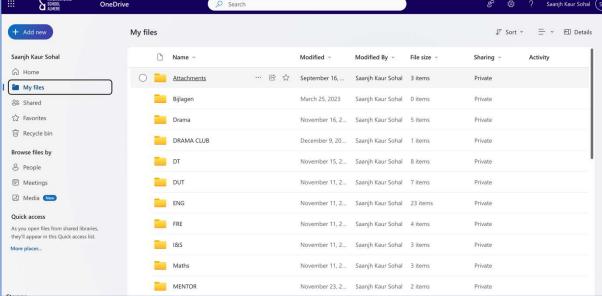
OneDrive is our cloud storage solution, offering a secure and accessible way for students to store and share their academic files.

With OneDrive, students can easily collaborate on group projects, back up important documents, and access their work from any device, anywhere.

This section will cover how to set up and use OneDrive, including uploading and organizing files, sharing documents with peers and teachers, and utilizing its features for collaborative work.

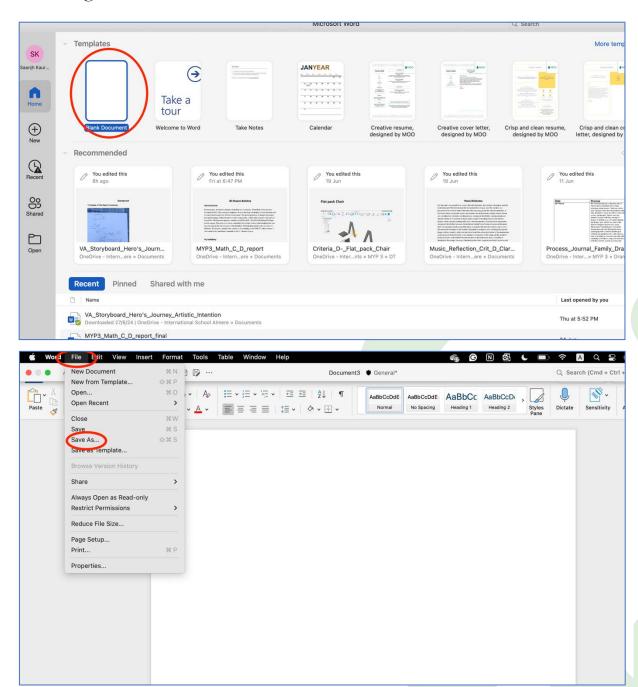




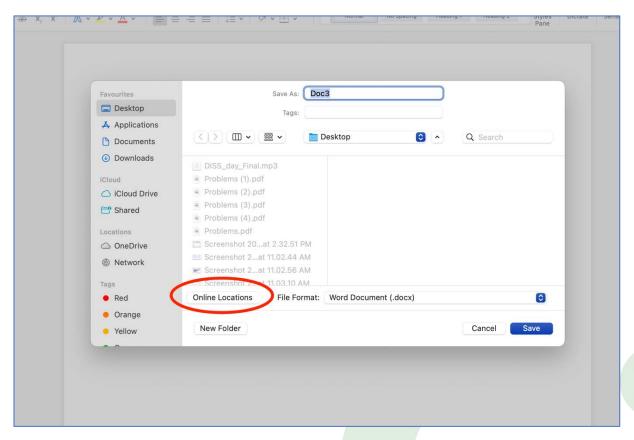


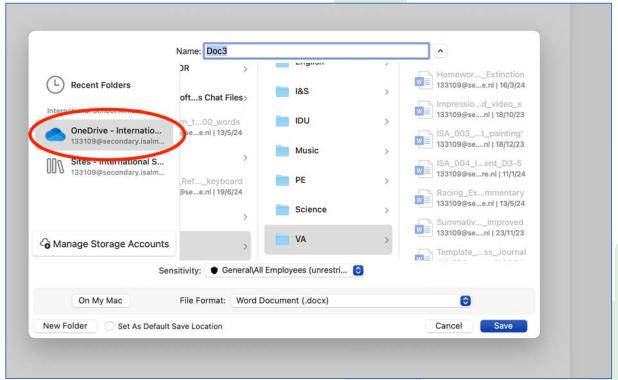


• Saving a word file in OneDrive



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Guide to Restrict Certain Websites on a Laptop Using Safari and Google Chrome

By following these steps, you can effectively restrict access to specific websites on a laptop using Safari or Google Chrome. This can help ensure students/children stay focused and avoid distractions from non-educational content such as video game websites.

Restricting Websites in Safari:

- 1. Open System Preferences:
 - Click on the Apple logo in the top-left corner of your screen.
 - Select "System Preferences" from the dropdown menu.
- 2. Go to Screen Time:
 - Click on "Screen Time" in the System Preferences window.
- 3. Enable Screen Time:
- If Screen Time is not already enabled, click "Turn On" in the Screen Time window.
- 4. Open Content & Privacy Restrictions:
 - Click on "Content & Privacy" in the sidebar.
- Enable Content & Privacy Restrictions by clicking the checkbox next to "Content & Privacy Restrictions."
- 5. Set Website Restrictions:
 - Click on "Content" to expand the menu.
 - Select "Web Content."
- 6. Restrict Specific Websites:
 - Choose "Limit Adult Websites" to block access to adult content.
 - Click "Customize" next to "Limit Adult Websites."
- In the "Restricted" section, click the plus (+) button and add the URL of the website you want to block, such as a video game website. For example: `www.example-game-website.com`.
- 7. Save and Apply:



- Close the Screen Time window. The restrictions will now be applied to Safari.

Restricting Websites in Google Chrome

- 1. Open Google Chrome:
 - Launch Google Chrome from your applications or dock.
- 2. Install a Website Blocker Extension:
- Go to the Chrome Web Store by typing `chrome://extensions/` in the address bar.
 - Search for a website blocker extension such as "BlockSite" or "StayFocusd."
- 3. Add the Extension:
 - Click "Add to Chrome" next to the extension you want to install.
 - Confirm by clicking "Add Extension" in the pop-up window.
- 4. Open the Extension Settings:
- After the extension is installed, click on the extension icon in the top-right corner of the Chrome window.
 - Select "Settings" or "Options" to open the configuration page.
- 5. Block Specific Websites:
 - In the settings page, look for an option to block websites.
- Enter the URL of the website you want to block. For example: `www.example-game-website.com`.
 - Save your changes.
- 6. Set Up Password Protection (Optional):
- Some extensions allow you to set a password to prevent changes to the blocked websites list. Enable this if you want to restrict changes to the settings.