

Dear Parent / Carer,

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### **The importance of homework**

Research from the Education Endowment Foundation tells us the regular completion of homework at secondary level can increase the progress of a student by 5 months. We aim to follow this research by setting homework on Class Charts that centres on practising the retention and the application of subject knowledge or skills acquired in class.

Given the potential benefits of the regular completion of homework, we want to support students to do this, rather than adopt a disproportionately punitive approach. For that reason, we are adopting a slightly different approach to students who regularly do not complete homework. Any homework missed will be recorded on Class Charts for you to see; however, we will also be following this staged system:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Action</b>
1: 2/3 homeworks missed in a term	Tutor speaks with student and contacts home.
2: 4+ homeworks missed in previous term	Student attends a week of compulsory homework support. The aim of these sessions is to kick-start an improved homework routine.
3: Student did not attend at least 4 of the 5 Level 2 lunchtime sessions / They have 4+ missed homeworks for a second term in the year.	Parents invited to a meeting by Head of Year (HoY). Student placed on homework report for at least 2 weeks: HoY if generic or Head of Department if more specific.

Ongoing support for the completion of homework is also available in school at these times:

- Learning Resource Centre Tuesday lunch;
- Learning Resource Centre Mon-Weds after school until 4:15pm;
- Learning Support Department: available at lunch with TA support.

Parents and carers can help by:

- If possible, providing a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which pupils can do their homework;
- Making it clear to students that they value homework and support the school in ensuring its completion;
- Encouraging students and praising them when they have completed homework;
- Checking that children have completed their homework;
- Fostering a suitable homework routine.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important part of your child's learning and progress.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr C Patrick, Deputy Headteacher**