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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last academic year, we've worked hard to refine and improve our homework process across the secondary phase. During our INSET days, we introduced this updated approach to teachers and support staff, and this morning, we officially launched it with students.

### **Purpose of Homework**

Homework is designed to support students in developing long-term knowledge retention across all subjects.

### **Tutor Time Support**

Next week during tutor time, students will be guided through key study techniques including:

- Self-quizzing
- Mind mapping
- Documenting their learning

Each evening, students should dedicate one page per subject in their homework exercise book. To support this, each book includes a WAGOLL ("What A Good One Looks Like") example for reference. The expectation is that all students will begin their homework study from **15<sup>th</sup> September**, after they have practiced the strategies in tutor time.

### **Monitoring & Pastoral Support**

Tutors will check homework completion during:

- Monday afternoon registration or Tuesday morning, depending on the student's Key Stage.

A full breakdown of our Pastoral Programme is also available below.

### Suggested homework timetable:

YG	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	English History	Maths Drama	Science Geography	Music French	Environmental Science Art
8	Environmental Science Art	English History	Music French	Science Geography	Maths Drama
9	Maths Drama	Environmental Science Art	English History	Music French	Science Geography
10	Option A Option B	English lit French	Maths Science	Science English lang	History/Geog Maths
11	History/Geog English	English Science	Maths French	Science Maths	Option A Option B

### How much homework should my child be doing?

Your child should be completing homework from at least **two subjects** per evening.

- Students in Year 7 should spend approximately 15 minutes per subject each night
- Students in Year 8 should spend approximately 20 minutes per subject each night
- Students in Year 9 should spend approximately 30 minutes per subject each night
- Students in KS4 should spend approximately 1 hour per subject each night

### Pastoral Programme

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Pastoral Time</b>						
						
<b>Primary</b>		10:30 Assembly Main Hall		14:50 News Assembly Main Hall		14:40 Celebration Assembly Main Hall
<b>Key Stage 3 pm registration</b>		Homework Book Checks	Assembly Main Hall	Wednesday's World of Work	Guided Reading with tutor	Celebration Assembly Virtual
<b>Key Stage 4 pm registration</b>		Assembly Main Hall	Homework Book Checks	Wednesday's World of Work/ College progression	Guided Reading with tutor	Celebration Assembly Virtual

Attached to this email are three additional documents to help you support your child develop their self-study.

1: Our updated homework policy.

2: A guide on how to support children to Self-Quiz, mind map and make Flash Cards, along with video help.

3: An example Knowledge Organiser for Year 9. These will be published each half-term, and over the next two weeks will be included on our website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Arnold', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Arnold  
Headteacher