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Homework

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to update you on the school homework policy.

Homework is an essential part of student learning and has been proven to **add up to a year** onto the progress of children who complete it thoroughly and precisely. Over the lockdown periods the expectations for homework have become blurred so I am writing to clarify this for the school community.

Below you can see a summary of how much homework you can expect from the school each week. **Your son/daughter must write down their homework in their planner** so please do check frequently. If you find that no homework is being written down please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

	Homework Guidelines	Per night
KS3	1 homework task per week for English, Maths, History, Geography, Science and Languages (20-40 minutes) 1 homework task per fortnight for creative subjects (20-30 minutes) 30 minutes reading per day (<i>not included in hours of homework</i>)	1 hr for Year 7 1.5 hours for Year 8/9
KS4	English 1 hour per week Maths 1 hour per week Science 1 hour per week (30 minutes per subject) Options subjects x 4 (1 hour per week) Independent revision, reading and study (2.5 hours per week) Total= 10 hours per week	2 hours
KS5	2 x homework tasks a week per subject (60 minutes) 10 hours independent study and reading Total= 16 hours per week	2.5 hours





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Parents can help their children in the following ways:

- Please **check and sign the pupil planner weekly**. Please ask to see the homework that has been completed.
- Engage in a dialogue with your child about the homework- ask your children to summarise their learning and *“articulate their thinking”*. This really helps children to put learning into their long term memory.
- Ask pupils to see their teacher before homework is handed in if they have any difficulties
- Create a space and time for completing homework at home.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child in relation to homework please do contact the school and we will be happy to support.

Additionally, I am keen to hear from any parents who have ideas on how we can provide further support and resources for parents to help their children. Please contact me if you have thoughts on this.

Yours faithfully,

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