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Dear Parents / Carer

As we start Year 11 and students settle back into their option subjects, it is increasingly important that we provide the best support and motivation possible to secure the strongest academic outcomes this year.

Feedback from all teachers of Year 11 has signalled the importance of out-of-class learning and home study. Home study includes practice, online questioning and other forms of standard homework. All homework set by teachers provides a critical component for the completion of the course and preparations for the exams. Therefore it is vital that all students in Year 11 understand and complete these tasks – to the standards expected and to the deadlines set. They will receive homework in English, Maths and Science which should take an hour each per week. They will also receive homework in their options subjects which should take 30 minutes per week to complete. Homework will start during the week of 7th September. This ensures that students keep up to speed with the necessary learning for his/her GCSE courses.

To support this, teachers, supported by the Year team, curriculum leaders and leadership team will be closely monitoring and supporting the completion of Year 11 home study, given its importance between now and the end of the academic year.

As such, the expectations will be that any Year 11 student who does not complete home study tasks to the expected standard and/or by the set deadline will receive a 'homework ticket' directing them to attend a 1hr afterschool homework catch-up session (on a designated day per subject) from Monday 14th September. These catch-up sessions will take place each evening in our computer rooms supervised by staff. Year 11 will have an assembly about this next week.

We will continue to reward positive engagement with home study and recognise the challenge that independent study can bring to any student.

How can you support your child with his/her learning?

- Read and support all components within this letter.
- Support, encourage and praise the completion of home study / homework – the minimum expectation is at least 1hr of study per subject per week.
- Support and endorse our drive to ensure home study tasks are completed and any directed catch-up sessions are attended.
- Ask questions about how his/her studies are progressing.
- Communicate with us if ever you have any concerns or questions about how to best support your child.

Finally to say Year 11 is an exciting but challenging year for all students. It is normal for students to face barriers in their learning and to, at times struggle to remain motivated in their exam preparations. We want to minimise these barriers and help everyone to feel positive, optimistic and supported by school and home.

Kind regards,

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