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Dear Parents / Carer

As we start Year 8 and students settle back into secondary school, it is increasingly important that we provide the best support and motivation possible to secure the strongest academic outcomes for them as they progress through their studies here.

Feedback from all teachers of Year 8 has signalled the importance of out-of-class learning and home study. Home study includes practice, online questioning and other forms of standard homework. It is vital that all students in Year 8 understand and complete these tasks, to the standards expected and to the deadlines set. Year 8 will receive English, Maths and Science homework each week, and will be expected to spend 45 minutes on each. Homework will start during the week of 7th September.

To support this, teachers, supported by the Year team, curriculum leaders and leadership team will be closely monitoring and supporting the completion of Year 8 home study.

As such, the expectations will be that any Year 8 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 8 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.
- 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 8 is an exciting time for all students. We want the best for our students, and we appreciate all the support you provide at home.

Kind regards,

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