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Dear Parent/Carer

### Homework

We believe that homework is an important part of your child's education. As well as helping students to recognise that they must work hard and make effort to do well, homework is used to:

- Consolidate learning from the lesson
- Prepare students for new learning
- Give students an opportunity to show their learning in a different way
- Expect hard work and effort

Most subjects set homework each week.

In Years 7 and 8, students also receive three week projects called **Venture Learning**, which are designed to offer choice and promote independence. All homework is recorded in student planners.

Teachers usually record homework set on Doodle. You can look at this if you ask your child to log on using their password from their planners.

Maths homework is set on MyMaths – this is an online maths homework which gives an instant score so you can see how your child is doing and if needed they can retake the test after further study at home e.g. via internet, or in school.

### How can you support your child?

- Reinforce the importance of homework and general attitude to learning
- Encourage your child to manage their time and complete work in advance of deadlines
- Check your child's planner regularly
- Provide somewhere quiet to complete work

### Students in Years 7, 8 and 9

Your child uses our Accelerated Reader programme every day to select books, read them and quiz on them. You can access your child's 'book shelf' and see how many books they have read and how they are doing on their quizzes using your own username and password. If you no longer have yours, do not worry, we will be sending them out again after half-term.

Yours faithfully



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