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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Homework and Extended Learning.**

I am writing to introduce our new Homework/ Extended Learning Policy. We believe homework has the potential to make an important contribution to classroom learning and the purpose of homework should be to practice, reinforce or apply acquired skills and knowledge. All research suggests that homework enhances pupil learning, improves achievement and develops pupils' independent study skills that generate life-long learning habits.

Our aim is to ensure homework is meaningful and enjoyable and never used as a punitive measure for failure to complete work during the school day. Also we strongly believe in flexibility so it allows our students to take part in a full programme of extra-curricular activities. Therefore as a rule expect your son/daughter to receive up to 3 hours per week with a strong focus on Maths, English and Science. At Key Stage 4 expectations may be different; preparation for examinations, assessments and course deadlines dictate the meaning, nature and frequency of homework.

We also want to minimise the level of inconvenience this may have on family life. Therefore we are offering homework club every Wednesday after school and during Friday Afternoon. Both of which are optional.

Best Wishes,

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