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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to thank you for the support you have given your child in completing their homework. Homework is a crucial part of education, with students completing quality homework far more likely to make rapid progress. "The evidence shows that the impact of homework, on average, is five months additional progress." (EEF, April 2020)

Attached to this email is our new homework calendar, which has been altered to make it simpler and easier to use. We have also today distributed this in paper format to students, and a copy will be displayed in each tutor room. All students in years 7-9 will normally receive two homeworks per day, with a week to complete each homework. Daily homework should amount to one hour. All homeworks will be set on our 'Show my Homework' platform. In years 10-11, homeworks will be set for all core and options subjects according to the calendar attached. This will also be set on 'Show my Homework'. Year 10-11 homework should amount to nineteen minutes daily. The document attached sets out how to access it, and how it should be used.

Students log in to 'Show my Homework' with their normal school logins – it is important they know how to do this. We have been through this with them at the start of term, and today in a video during tutor time. If they're unsure, they may seek support from our ICT support in the Library, between 8.15 to 8.25am, 10.20 to 10.40am, and 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Likewise, students should know how to access our Seneca and Sparx platforms. Seneca has homework resources for a very wide range of subjects, which staff will use to support their teaching. Sparx is a specialist Maths homework platform, which has been shown to be really successful.

Although the vast majority of students complete the homework well and on time, students will be issued with detentions if they do not complete their homework properly. This is to make sure we have high standards across the school, just as we expect all students to have high behaviour, uniform and work standards in their lessons.

I do hope that this email will serve to give homework a boost across the school – we are following it up with messages to students and staff, so that the last weeks of this term see high rates of homework completion, and even faster progress for our students. If your child has any issues or difficulties with homework, please do contact their tutor.

Please do get in touch should you have any further queries or if I can be of assistance in any way.

Your sincerely,

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