



20 September 2021

Dear Parent

As per my letter on 7 September we are pleased to launch our Year 7 and Year 8 homework program this week. We have intentionally planned a staggered start to support students and their families to adapt to the start of the school year.

This week (week commencing 20.09.21) your child will be expected to complete homework for Maths and Literacy using the Hegarty and Bedrock platforms.

They will not receive any other homework this week. Students have been shown how to log onto both of these platforms in lesson time and will receive reminders this week too. I have included the recommended homework schedule below which shows that students should complete two homework slots for Literacy and two for Hegarty. I would very much suggest that you try to log on with your child this week if possible to support them to get them off to a confident start. Students must complete all of the homework before the end of the day on Sunday 26 September. Positive house points will be logged for completion on Monday 27 September as well as missed homework. You will be able to see this on Go4Schools using your parental log-in.

We also strongly encourage your child to complete twenty minutes of reading of a book of their choice each evening. The library is open every break and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes for students to come and borrow from our wide range of books to suit all tastes. It is also open until 4.30pm after school each evening (4.00pm on Fridays) for individual study. This is open to any student.

Minutes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20	Literacy – Bedrock	Maths - Hegarty	Science	Literacy – Bedrock	Maths - Hegarty
20	Spanish/ French	R.S	History	Geography	Computer Science
20	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading

This week, we will use lesson time in the other subjects above to train students how to self-test using knowledge organisers and complete quizzes on Microsoft Teams. **We will set homework in all of the subjects above the week beginning 27 September.** You will be sent the homework booklet containing a step by step guide as to how to do this before the end of the week so please do not worry if you are not familiar with Teams. We do expect all students to complete homework and the library is open after school each day with IT facilities if your child does not have a device or reliable internet access at home. Further details about homework clubs will be communicated this week.

We are here to support you and your child each step of the way and will give regular reminders so please do not worry. As you support your child with homework, if you have any questions or concerns then please do follow the advice below:

- Contact your child's subject teacher by email if you have a subject related homework problem so that they can resolve this with you.
- Contact Mr Jackson (Year Leader for Year 7) or Mr Barrow (Year Leader for Year 8) if you need support regarding homework more generally.
- Contact Ms Paskin (SENDCO) or your child's key worker if your child has additional needs and requires support.

We thank you in advance for your support

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Sarah Anderson
(Vice Principal)