

Dear Parent/carer,

Homework is a key part of the learning process for all students at the academy and so it is essential that students are given appropriate home learning to ensure that they are able to make good progress within each subject area that they are studying. The way that home learning is set and shared with students in Year 7 has recently changed and students are now each given a home learning booklet that details all tasks for the half term and includes additional websites for students to visit to enhance their learning further. Tasks for students in year 7 are now broken down into four easy categories: Create, Research, Discuss and Think. These four categories allow staff freedom to set home learning that is appropriate to their subject area whilst ensuring that it is clear to students what type of learning needs to take place at home.

In addition to this all students are given the choice of three levels of ability of task to access: Comfortable, Challenging or Complex. Students should select the level of task that they feel confident to complete in each subject which may not be the same across all areas of study. There may be times when staff direct students to complete a specific level of task if they feel that this is more appropriate for their current ability depending on the task being set, this will be communicated to the student individually where necessary.

Students are set tasks in lesson time from their home learning booklets and given a deadline for these to be handed in. Any *create* task they complete will be marked and students will be given feedback on these, all other tasks completed will be shared as part of the learning in the classroom.

The home learning booklet is available in the *Parent* area of our website and includes all tasks and an overview of all home learning for year 7 for the remainder of the year. All other year groups will have home learning set in the normal way until the end of this academic year. We are hoping to introduce an easier format for students and parents to track and record home learning using an online system through Office 365 – this will be communicated when we are ready to launch this to students. In September it is anticipated that all year groups will move to this format in terms of setting and communicating home learning.

We understand you will want to discuss this with your child. We know and trust that you will encourage them to use this booklet to enhance their learning and will support the Academy in our continuous efforts to ensure your child achieves his/her target grades. If you would like to discuss this any further, please feel free to contact me at school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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