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Dear Parents,

We are writing to make you aware of changes to our Homework Detention system that will come into effect from 4 June 2018. Research into the topic of homework shows that the impact of homework on learning is consistently positive leading to, on average, five months' additional progress (*Education Endowment Foundation: Homework (Secondary) :Teaching and Learning Toolkit: 31st January 2018*). With this in mind, it is important that regular homework is completed by every student to at least a satisfactory standard.

You will be aware that class teachers issue regular homework for your child on Classcharts and that you have access to this site via a personalised login. As well as showing the homework task set and attaching any useful resources, the teacher will also indicate how much time to dedicate to the task and the issue date and due date. Students will continue to make use of their student planner to record homework. However, Classcharts does provide the facility for staff to include more detail and for you, as a parent, to have oversight to support your child.

The flowchart on the reverse of this letter helps to illustrate how the new system will run. The whole school will operate this model for every year group, which will mean that more consistency is created across all departments and individual teachers. Homework reflection sessions will be issued through Classcharts so that you will be able to see when your child receives a sanction. Obviously, prevention is the best cure, so there are plenty of opportunities for your child to receive help with their homework at school:

- Homework club will continue to run after school every Monday through to Thursday from 15:05-16:00 in the Library for all students; this club is run by Learning Mentors who will help to support your child's homework needs.
- The library is open every break time to all students as a quiet study area.
- Mrs Logan runs homework support for Y7 and Y8 in the library every Wednesday and Friday lunchtime; Mrs Miller supports Y9, Y10 and Y11 in the library at lunch time every Tuesday and Thursday.
- When the library is unavailable, the ICT breakout area can be used instead.
- Students are actively encouraged to seek help from their class teacher with their homework. The key part here is that help will need to be sought prior to the homework deadline.

We do not operate a homework timetable as this has been too restrictive in the past. Homework is most effective when it is integral to learning and either consolidates what has taken place in class or prepares students for the next topic. Students will, however, have at least 24 hours to complete homework tasks, which will be enough time to seek support. Working together, we aim to reduce the sanctions students receive for incomplete homework and make our learners proactive and accountable for their own learning.

Yours Faithfully,



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