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Dear parents and carers,

In our recent parent survey, concerns were raised by some parents regarding homework. I am writing to respond to some of the questions and issues raised, to ensure that school, students and parents are all working together to achieve the best outcomes for our young people.

Frequency of homework:

Homework is set by subject teachers based on the table below. The frequency of homework depends on the subject and year group. Students are usually given one week to complete their homework, although this will vary according to the task set.

Homework Expectations at KS3		
Set weekly	Set Fortnightly	Set as required
English	History	Art & Technology
Maths	Geography	Performing Arts
Science	Religious Studies	Citizenship/PSHE
Spanish	Computer Science	PE

Homework Expectations at KS4	
Set weekly	Set as Required
English	Options Subjects
Maths	Project-based and coursework subjects e.g.
Science	Art, Photography, Health & Social Care, Sport BTec

We expect that students in Years 7-9 should be spending around 30 minutes studying each evening and students in Years 10-11 around 1 hour. If there is not homework set, then students should be encouraged to read, follow their personalised learning pathway on Century or review the day's learning using their Microsoft Team / exercise books.

Types of homework:

We try to ensure that a variety of homework tasks are set; this will depend on both the subject and year group but may include the following:

- Revision – either independent or specific tasks
- Century Tech – either independent or to follow set nuggets
- Other online platforms e.g. Seneca or Language Learning Apps.
- Reading
- Research tasks
- Comprehension exercises
- Past papers / exam questions
- Creative tasks
- Activities to prepare for future lessons
- Learning vocab or spellings

Century Learning

Century Learning is an AI-powered online home learning platform that tailors study materials to the needs of every child. CENTURY instantly identifies gaps in learning in English, Maths and Science and remedies misconceptions, supporting and stretching your child at a pace that is right for them. We would therefore encourage all students to access their Century account several times a week to develop their knowledge and confidence. To access their Century learning account students should use their school email and password.

Teachers may have set a nugget that relates directly to the curriculum content being taught. Alternatively, students can access the AI pathway to identify gaps in their knowledge and provide appropriate levels of challenge or support.

Setting / Recording of Homework:

- All KS3 students have a school planner and should use this to note down the subject and due date of their HW when it is set.
- All HW for all year groups is set in Microsoft Teams, with work for each subject available in the class team for the lesson – full instructions and any resources needed are available in the Team. Students can access Microsoft Teams by downloading the app or via the Office 365 or school website. All students have been shown how to use Microsoft Teams in their computer science lessons.
- When HW is set on Microsoft Teams, parents/students are also automatically notified via the MyChildAtSchool app – this is for information only, and students should always check Microsoft Teams for the full HW instructions and resources.
- Where HW is late or not completed, class teachers will set a 10-minute correction. For repeated non-completion, sanctions will escalate in discussion with the Head of Department or Head of Year.

Access to IT facilities:

- The following link can be used to access the students' Microsoft Teams account. [Microsoft Teams Sign-In Page | Teams Login- www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/log-in/](https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/log-in/) . Students should use their school email and password to gain access.
- Century Learning is an online platform which is access with the students school email and password. [CENTURY](#) - use this link to access Century.
- Students are encouraged to complete and submit HW via Microsoft Teams. However, staff are happy to provide paper copies of HW for any students who do not have good IT access at home.
- Students can also access IT1 during lunchtimes to complete HW on the day allocated for their year group.
- Please contact us if you are worried about IT access at home for your child – we will do our best to help.

We are upgrading our website; additional information and resources to support with homework and independent learning will be available on the website in the near future.

If you have any questions about homework, or if your child needs support with completing learning at home, please contact their class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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