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Dear families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide an update on our home learning policy and to emphasise its importance in supporting your child's education.

Home learning is a vital component of effective assessment and plays a significant role in your child's academic journey, especially as they progress through their GCSE/Key Stage 4 studies. Regularly set and thoughtfully designed home learning tasks contribute to:

- Consolidating and extending classroom learning
- Monitoring individual progress
- Developing independent learning skills
- Encouraging self-discipline, personal organisation, and responsibility
- Strengthening the partnership between home and school

Where possible, home learning tasks will be set and managed online. These assignments will be posted on Microsoft Teams, allowing students access at any time. Tasks may involve various online platforms and applications tailored to their courses. All students have access to Office 365, which includes tools such as Word, PowerPoint, and Outlook for email communication. Teachers are available during school hours via Teams should students require additional guidance.

We have invested in several effective online platforms that are proven to enhance attainment. Key resources include:

- **GCSE Pod**
- **Seneca Learning** (Parents can track progress via [this link](#))
- **ClickView**

In addition to these whole-school platforms, students will also use subject-specific applications, with guides and support available on our [home learning webpage](#).

#### **Home learning expectations:**

Home learning is designed to be manageable and meaningful, without creating unnecessary stress for students or their families. Tasks are set with sufficient time for completion, except in cases where daily practice is beneficial. The volume of work will naturally increase as students approach Year 11.

Beyond tasks assigned by staff, we encourage all students to engage in self-directed study. This includes using recommended school platforms, revising from past papers, and utilising revision guides.

**KS4 Home Learning Timetable:**

Subject	Frequency	Y10	Y11
English	Weekly	Up to 1 hour	Up to 2 hours
Maths	Weekly	Up to 1 hour	Up to 2 hours
Combined Science	Weekly	20 minutes per Science	30 minutes per Science
Triple Science	Weekly	30 minutes per Science	40 minutes per Science
Option subjects	Weekly	Up to 1 hour	Up to 2 hours

**How you can help:**

Your support is invaluable in ensuring home learning is completed effectively. Please provide a quiet, suitable space for your child to work and encourage them to meet deadlines. Regularly check their progress and help them prioritise independent study alongside teacher-assigned tasks.

Home learning is an essential extension of classroom activities, reinforcing knowledge and ensuring understanding over time. By completing these tasks, students solidify their learning and remain on track to achieve their potential.

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please visit the [home learning section of our website](#).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Holly

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