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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Homework in Year 11

At Prince Henry's we believe that quality teaching matters and homework is regarded as an important piece of the teaching and learning picture. Homework is highly valued as it provides an opportunity for students to practise, develop and extend their learning, independently of their teacher, so that they can develop an appetite for learning that exists long after their time at school. For us, homework is never punitive but rather an opportunity to think deeply, prepare and consolidate understanding. The effort students put into homework is highly valued and recognised by their teachers but we hope that our students develop intrinsic motivation to learn, coming to regard homework as an important part of their educational development. As a result, we expect students to do homework thoroughly and purposefully on a regular basis throughout their school career. We believe that the purpose of homework is to reinforce and extend classroom teaching, bringing about progress and fostering a spirit of initiative, self-motivation and independent study skills.

I am writing to share with you the details of what your child will receive in terms of homework this school year. You will find details on the reverse side of this sheet outlining the frequency and amount of homework set. Parents/carers will understand that different children work at different rates of efficiency and it is impossible to prescribe the exact amount of minutes per night, or hours per week, that an individual student will work. However, there is no reason why any student (except for a very few special cases) should be doing less than the time allocated. Staff will endeavour to set homework on the same designated night(s) in each fortnight (as we run a fortnightly timetable), which will help students to plan their time properly. Please note that there is a difference between Year 9 and Years 10/11. Because of the way that the options system works, we are able to publish a homework timetable and students have been issued with this.

Sometimes the homework set will be to prepare for controlled assessments. Students must understand the importance of this and not consider that this means that they do not have homework. On the contrary, it is important that they manage their time properly, not leaving preparation completion until just before the assessment. The purpose of homework is to reinforce and extend classroom teaching to bring about progress and foster a spirit of initiative, self-motivation and independent study skills.

It will also be appropriate, before the mock and real examinations next year, for students to be given revision homework. This will always be accompanied by specific guidance about what to revise so students will always have a clear idea of what is expected of them. In addition to set homework, we also recommend that children read around their subject, revise regularly and spend time reading appropriate literature.

Homework is an important opportunity for your child to develop their independent study habits and I hope that parents/carers will find this information useful. **For specific information about homework expectations in each subject please look at the Home School Agreement/Curriculum area of our website, which provides a link to each department area and offers you suggestions about how you can best support your child in each subject.**

We would like you to check your child's homework diary on a weekly basis and sign in the available space. We will also continue to publish all homework on ShowMyHomework and, if you do not already have one, you may request a parent/carer login from Mr Brant (Head of ICT) so that you can see the homework set for your child. If you have concerns that your child is not doing enough homework, please contact Mr King, Head of Year 11, or if the problem is confined to one subject only, you should contact your child's subject teacher.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Evans
Headteacher

YEAR 11 HOMEWORK

ENGLISH

1 homework of 1 hour per week

MATHEMATICS

1 homework of 1 hour per week

SCIENCE

3 homeworks of 1 hour per fortnight

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (French/German/Spanish/Italian)

2 homeworks of 1 hour per fortnight

ART and ART/TEXTILES

1 homework of 2 hours per week

BUSINESS STUDIES

1 homework of 1 hour per fortnight and 1 homework of 30 minutes per fortnight

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: Resistant Materials/Graphics

1 homework of 1 hour per week. Students may need to work beyond specified times when completing coursework and occasionally NEA related homework tasks may take more than 1 hour to complete.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: Food / Health and Social Care

1 homework of 1 hour per week

DRAMA

1 or 2 homeworks of 30-45 minutes per fortnight

GEOGRAPHY

2 homeworks of 30-45 minutes per fortnight

HISTORY

2 homeworks of between 30 and 40 minutes per fortnight

iMEDIA

1 homework of 1 hour per week (making improvements to their projects)

COMPUTING

1 or 2 homeworks per week. Students are expected to take 30 minutes to complete a theory homework and 1 hour for a programming task.

MUSIC

1 homework of at least 1 hour per fortnight plus ongoing composition work

PE

2 homeworks of 1 hour per fortnight

PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS & RELIGION

2 homeworks of 30 minutes per fortnight