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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Tassomai Home Learning

We are excited to be launching a new learning programme called 'Tassomai', as part of our homework provision for Years 7 to 9 in English, Maths and Science. This resource will also be made available to years 10 and 11 as an additional effective revision resource, although it will not form part of Year 10 and 11 compulsory homework. This follows a successful pilot in Science where students have used Tassomai to improve their exam outcomes.

Tassomai is an online learning programme that encourages students to answer questions that are tailored to the students' individual needs in the three core subjects. The programme uses an intuitive algorithm designed to extend students' knowledge, check their progress and develop their mastery within a topic area. Tassomai records the progress that students make, so that staff can monitor learning and provide further support where needed. All students at Magna now have access to this learning platform as part of our homework and effective revision strategy.

Students can access the programme using the free downloadable app on their mobile phones, on a tablet or by using the website on a computer. The programme generates a variety of easy to complete micro-quizzes, based on the students' needs. Students who log in regularly make the greatest progress because the programme learns their strengths and areas they need to improve.

We have found that our focus groups of students already using this app are easily attempting at least 30 questions per subject per week. There is significant evidence to suggest that this is already having a positive impact on their ability to recall knowledge, confidence and progress in core subjects. Therefore, the expectations for all students in years 7, 8 and 9 (KS3) is that every student will:

- Attempt at least 30 answers per week for each of the three different subjects (90 questions in total, and
- Spend at least 30 minutes per session for each of the three different subjects (90 minutes per week in total)

Our pilot use of Tassomai demonstrated that students should be able to attempt more than 30 questions in 30 minutes, however, we would like to emphasise that in order to maximise the effectiveness of this resource, students should strive for accuracy rather than speed. Any students who require additional support or reasonable adjustments to be made should contact their tutor in the first instance, who will liaise with the Phoenix team in order to assess the needs of individual students.

For the first two weeks of Unit 2 (Monday 18th October - Friday 5th November), KS3 students who do not complete this part of their homework will receive a text message home as a supportive reminder. From Unit 2 Week 3 (Monday 8th November), KS3 students who do not complete this homework will receive a 30 minute detention in line with our academy homework policy.

As with other KS3 homework, Tassomai task completion will be checked the day after it is due to be completed. Completion of homework schedules are shown in the homework grids below;

Unit 2: KS3 Homework Programme

Years 7 & 8	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Self-Quizzing	Maths	English	Science	History/ Geography	MFL
Reading and Tassomai	English Tassomai	Maths Tassomai	Science Tassomai	Reading for pleasure	Reading for pleasure
Maths Drill Sheet	Set first lesson of the week, due in the first lesson of the following week				

Year 9	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Self-Quizzing (wk 1)	Maths	English	MFL	Biology	Geography
Self-Quizzing (wk 2)	Maths	English	Chemistry	History	Physics
Reading and Tassomai	English Tassomai	Maths Tassomai	Science Tassomai	Reading for pleasure	Reading for pleasure
Maths Drill Sheet	Set first lesson of the week, due in the first lesson of the following week				



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Year 7 students have already received guided sessions to show them the logging on process that is listed below. For students in years 8 to 11, they should follow these instructions to access their accounts for the first time:

1. Go to www.tassomai.com or [this link](#) for android users or [this link](#) for iOS users.
2. Go to 'sign in'
3. Enter your academy email address
4. Enter the Case - Sensitive password: **QuizLearnGoal** (everyone has this same password, but will be prompted to change it when first signing in)
5. Select English, maths and science classes for their correct year group
6. Start attempting questions

Further guidance on registering and navigating around the Tassomai resources can be found on the effective revision google classroom page under the title, 'Digital Learning' topic. If your child is yet to accept their invitation to join the effective revision google classroom page, please encourage them to do so by clicking on their dashboard page of the google classroom platform.

For any issues with logging in, students should contact their tutors in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



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