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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 12 and Year 13 Homework and Homework Support

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the homework expectations for this academic year. Students are expected to complete approximately four hours of homework per subject each week. This will include effective revision, subject-specific homework tasks and wider independent study. Our ambition is to foster academic independence, deepen understanding and prepare students for success in higher education and employment.

Homework will fall into three key areas:

1. Effective Revision

Students should regularly review and consolidate class learning to ensure long-term retention and understanding. Revision tasks may include summarising class notes, practising exam-style questions, creating flashcards, and self-quizzing. Students are encouraged to keep a revision log to track the techniques they use and reflect on which methods are most effective.

2. Subject-Specific Homework

Each subject will set weekly tasks via Google Classroom, with clear instructions and deadlines. These activities are designed to extend classroom learning and develop mastery of subject content.

3. Wider Independent Study (WIS)

Students are expected to engage in independent academic enrichment beyond their examined curriculum. WIS tasks may include reading academic articles, watching documentaries, listening to podcasts, or exploring recommended resources related to their subjects. This wider study will help students make links between topics, deepen their understanding, and develop valuable independent learning habits.

Developing Effective Study Habits

Students should use their independent study time to:

- Practise effective note-taking strategies such as Cornell notes or mind mapping.
- Organise and review notes regularly to maintain clarity and structure.

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- Read and annotate beyond the core curriculum to build confidence in subject discussion and essay writing.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students build the skills and discipline required for academic success. Students should seek support from their subject teacher if there are any elements of the homework they do not understand or are finding difficult.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Hesketh
Assistant Principal