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Dear Families

As you are aware, homework is a crucial part of a students' learning journey. It is an opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of certain topics and retrieve powerful knowledge that they have covered in lessons. Completing homework regularly also builds learning stamina and resilience, which prepares students for revision and securing great outcomes in their Year 11 assessments.

We are aware that you will want to support your child in completing all of their homework, so have created a homework schedule. The aim of this is to ensure your child knows what subject is setting homework each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Science	Maths	Spanish	History
BTEC Sport	RE	IT	Enterprise	Geography
BTEC Performing Art	GCSE Photography	BTEC Art and Design		BTEC Health and Soc

Not all homework is set digitally, but as we are increasingly setting homework using online platforms, we have put links to the relevant homework platform on the student portal. The increased access to online learning also means that if your child needs to do some learning at home, they can access the work quickly and easily.

Please see the attached document 'What to Do...Accessing Remote Learning' to help you and your child understand how to access homework platforms via the student portal. Explanations will also be shared with students in Morning Meetings and in IT lessons.

Your child can use their regular school log in for each platform, with the exception of Sentence Builders, which requires separate log in information.

Sentence Builder Guidance

Step One: Visit www.sentencebuilders.com

Step Two: Enter the login details provided by the teachers. For example, the username might look like this: 254-JonDoe (*Capitals for Initials and no spaces*), and the password is a 4-digit code, e.g., 4143.

For a detailed tutorial, see the link and QR code.

If your child lost their login details or has incorrect details, they can request a new one from their Spanish teacher.



Access to the Internet and Support

We understand that not all students have access to computers at home, but it is possible for students to access these platforms and complete the work set using their Smartphones. In addition to this, The Learning Bubble (a supervised learning space with computer access) is open every day from 3.10pm – 4.50pm. An increasing number of students are making the positive decision to attend the Learning Bubble and complete all homework before they go home. We welcome your child to attend.



Homework Expectations

It is important that all homework is completed to a high standard, and as such, we expect that for Year 7, 8 and 9 students, at least 30 minutes is spent on each piece of assigned homework (unless they have achieved 100% before this time.) We expect Year 10 and 11 to spend 45 minutes on each piece of assigned homework, again, unless they have achieved 100% before this time. We will not be issuing corrections for % scores, but will issue corrections if the student has not completed the homework or not spent the required time on it. We will continue to issue recognition points for excellent homework.

We truly value your support in your child's learning. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need further clarification on any points.

Best faithfully

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