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Dear Parent/Carer

Home Learning

At Hellesdon High School, we are committed to fostering your child's learning and development, both in and out of the classroom. Home learning plays an integral positive role in achieving this goal, and we would like to share its purpose, importance, and how it contributes to your child's growth.

The Purpose of Home Learning

Home learning serves as a bridge between school and home, reinforcing concepts taught in the classroom. It provides students with the opportunity to:

- Practice and consolidate skills learned in class.
- Develop independence and time-management skills.
- Encourage critical thinking and problem-solving.
- Involve families in the learning process, fostering collaboration.

Above all, home learning nurtures the acquisition of **knowledge**, which is foundational to your child's personal and academic growth. By engaging with structured tasks, students deepen their understanding of key concepts, expand their perspectives, and build confidence in their ability to navigate the world. Knowledge is not only a tool for success but also a lifelong asset that empowers them to make informed decisions and pursue their aspirations.

Rewards for Positive Home Learning Habits

We believe in celebrating effort and dedication to motivate students. To encourage consistent engagement with home learning tasks, we offer:

- Verbal praise and recognition during class. Students will achieve Home Learning achievement marks on classcharts. These will carry greater value so will enable your child to build up a higher number of positive marks on their class chart ratio.
- Rewards shop where students can use achievement marks to purchase various reward items and experiences.

When students complete their home learning they will be awarded 1x achievement mark for completion, 2x for 'good' quality work and 3x for 'outstanding' work. Along with other positive marks gained in lessons and around the school, students will be able to use these marks as credit to purchase items from the rewards shop. Students can choose to spend their credit on small items or save for larger rewards. Credit has been accruing since the start of this half term.

- Opportunities to participate in special activities or events as a reward for consistent completion of home learning.
- Positive communication with parents to celebrate your child's hard work.

We encourage you to join us in recognising and celebrating your child's efforts at home.

Support for completing Home Learning

To ensure that all students understand the value of completing their home learning tasks, we have established clear expectations:

- Home learning will be set via the ClassCharts App. **All tasks will be set on Mondays by 9am** with clear timescales and dates for completion/submission.
- If you have any trouble accessing classcharts or have lost the log in code- please contact the school office or your child's form tutor who can provide this for you.
- The assignments will have links to the student google classrooms where they will be able to work on their assignments and submit.
- Support sessions and Home Learning afterschool club (Mon-Fri in the Library) is available to help students or to provide access to a computer.
- If home learning is incomplete or missed, the student will be awarded a 'Missed Home Learning Mark' on their ClassCharts. Teachers and then subsequently Heads of year will keep track of missed home learning and provide interventions where necessary.

We encourage open communication to address any challenges your child may face in completing home learning tasks. If there are extenuating circumstances, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Key Stage 3

Up to 40 minutes each week night on different subjects. This could include the following tasks:

- **Knowledge Review:** Students will work from Knowledge organisers or use online programmes to to review and summarise knowledge or reading materials to consolidate their understanding.
- **Retrieval Practice:** Students will be assigned short quizzes, or questions related to the material covered in class. This helps students retrieve and reinforce their learning.
- **Application Tasks:** Homework may also include tasks where students apply the knowledge they've gained in new contexts, reinforcing their understanding.

The table below shows the frequency of home learning assignments.

Weekly	Fortnightly/Project based over a longer period of time.
English-Reading Maths Science MFL	History Geography ICT Art Performing Arts D&T P.E.

Key Stage 4

- Subjects will usually receive around one hour of home learning or revision per subject per week. Where students are working towards exams or have coursework deadlines this may vary.

How You Can Help

Your support is crucial in ensuring that home learning becomes a positive and productive experience for your child. Here are some ways you can help:

- Check ClassCharts each Monday to keep track of home learning assignments and subsequent submission dates.
- Provide a quiet and comfortable space for your child to work.
- Set a consistent time for home learning each day.
- Encourage your child to take breaks when needed but to stay focused.
- Praise their efforts and progress, not just their results.

We deeply value your partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or need additional resources to support your child, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's success.

Yours Sincerely,



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