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Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: Quality of homework

It has come to my attention that several Year 7 students have accrued behaviour points for handing in poor quality homework, or homework which does not meet expectations. With Year 7 exams coming up, it is particularly important that students maximise their learning opportunities during lessons and when completing work outside of lessons.

We recommend that students do the following:

- Attempt to complete homework on the day it is set. This ensures that longer pieces of work can be completed the next day, rather than rushing them the night before they are due. It also enables students time to seek out their teacher in person should they not be sure of the instructions.
- Read through the ShowMyHomework tasks carefully. Sometimes students will misread instructions or not complete the full tasks set.
- Complete homework using their best handwriting. It has been observed that some student handwriting has slipped since the beginning of Year 7.
- Proof read and correct their homework using the core four sheets (using a different coloured pen). They have been given a copy of the core four sheets earlier in Year 7. Alternatively they can view a PDF copy on the Year 7 pastoral area of the school website.

We ask that parents do the following:

- Check the ShowMyHomework app/ website and discuss what your son is required to do for each task.
- Encourage your son to complete homework soon after it is set, rather than leaving it until later on.
- Encourage your son to avoid starting any piece of homework after 8pm at night.
- Praise him every time he produces good work, and occasionally reward him.
- Parents to check through all homework with their son after it has been completed. Please look for whether you believe his handwriting is neatly presented, whether you can see visible evidence of proof reading and corrections, and whether you believe the homework he has presented satisfies the instructions set by the teacher. If you find work difficult to read, or you cannot read it, why should the teacher be able to?

We appreciate that many Year 7 students are already working to the best of their ability and preparing as best they can for their upcoming exams, however, we hope this advice will be useful for those that are finding some aspects difficult to manage.

Yours truly,

Miss E. Torry
Head of Year 7



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