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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is school policy that homework is set and marked regularly. Homework refers to planned, meaningful and prepared tasks that are given to students to be completed outside of usual lessons. It is an integral part of learning and is important in raising student achievement (which can lead to, on average, five months' additional progress).

Homework will be set in accordance with the homework timetables issued at the start of the academic year. The expectation of the length of homework will depend on: the curriculum time for each subject; the nature of the work; the ability of the students and the particular year group. We also recognise the importance of family life and the mental wellbeing of all the students. On average:

- **Year 7 and 8 students** should expect to spend between 20-30 minutes on each homework task, approximately 60 minutes per day. Art, Computing and RE will set homework once per fortnight. Drama and Music will set homework once per half term. All other subjects, apart from PE, will set homework once per week.
- **Year 9 students** should expect to spend between 30-45 minutes on each homework task, approximately 60 to 90 minutes per day. Core Computing and Core RE will set homework once per fortnight. All other subjects, apart from Core PE, will set homework once per week.
- **Year 10 and 11 students** should expect to spend between 45-60 minutes on each homework task, approximately 60 to 90 minutes per day. All subjects, apart from Core PE, will set homework once per week.

Homework may take a variety of forms, for example research, reading, answering questions, practising exam questions, design work, revising, on-line learning, preparing for presentations etc.

It is the responsibility of the student to listen carefully to homework instructions in class, ensure all homework is completed and handed in on time, to attempt all work to the best of their ability and inform the class teacher of any difficulties before the deadline date. The Learning Hub in school is open before and after school hours and at lunchtime to enable students to do their own research. Homework clubs are well established in school to provide help and resources for students doing homework. Wednesbury Library also provides excellent study facilities which are available at evenings, weekends and holidays.

We welcome your support in reinforcing the value of homework by showing an interest in your child's work, checking deadlines are being met and ensuring that a reasonable amount of time is spent on homework each night.

You can view your child's homework via Class Charts at <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login> or via the live homework calendar on the school website.

A copy of your child's homework timetable is attached. This is a useful guide in helping pupils to organise their weekly homework tasks.

Yours sincerely

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