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'KS3 Homework Timetable'

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the Academy's drive to ensure that all students are participating in regular and meaningful homework, we have devised a homework timetable for your child

The homework timetable can be found on the school website

<https://www.southfieldsacademy.com/page/?title=Homework+%26amp%3B+Extra%2Dcurricular&pid=27>

And will begin from **Monday 10th May, 2021.**

How much homework should my child get?

Year 7 & 8

40 minutes of homework every evening (2 subjects x 20 minutes).

Year 9

1 hour of homework every evening (2 x 30 minutes).

Foundation subjects set homework fortnightly.

Core subjects (English, maths and science) set homework weekly.

How will the timetable work?

In advance, students should write into their homework diaries the two subjects that they should be working on each day. When individual class teachers set homework, students should write it into the space assigned for that subject on the night the timetable dictates that it should be completed, along with a due date.

Why do we do it this way?

This way the student will get a consistent amount of homework every evening. It will also be easier for you as a parent/carer to keep track of which subjects they should be working on each day.

Understanding the homework timetable - types of homework

Subject homework: where you see the name of a subject (e.g. maths), the subject teacher will set a piece of homework to support work that lesson.

Pastoral: this is a piece of work that is set by the Head of Year or tutor and will support activities taking place in tutor time e.g. careers research, reading a news story/article.

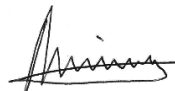
Reading: students should be reading every day for 20 minutes. Some reading will take place in tutor time, however it is vital that the students spend some time reading at home. This should happen on a daily basis, but we have also designated a reading session on the homework timetable. This session can be used for additional reading, updating the Accelerated Reading timetable, to discuss the book your child is reading, or for you to ask them to read an extract to you.

Why is reading practice so important?

The average reading age of GCSE exam papers is 15 years and 7 months. The national average reading age of pupils sitting their GCSEs is 10 years. If pupils become frequent readers, their achievement and attainment in all subject areas will improve.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely,



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