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Dear Parent / Carer,

Homework Survey

As you may remember, we recently asked parents, carers, staff and students to complete a school survey on homework. It is clear that homework is a contentious issue with some really seeing the value in it and others not. Research states that homework (if completed correctly) can add up to 5 months of progress. The following link give more in depth information regarding this research:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework>

Parent surveys are clear: parents want homework but not at the expense of their children's hobbies and interests and not if it provides a source of tension in the School. Staff surveys are much more polarised, with some really seeing the value of homework and others not at all. Student surveys are less positive about homework and state it is a source of tension.

We have an opportunity to use homework to further embed our strategies on improving student recall helping the students remember more. For this reason, we are relaunching our online learning platforms to make homework a more positive experience. We will provide students with a range of resources, including online learning platforms and reward those students that complete them. Details of these rewards will follow once students have been consulted. All students in our school now have access to Seneca Learning and you will also receive login information so that you can track your child's learning.

Some departments will also set homework in the usual way, through Google Classroom, giving clear and specific deadlines. However, if your child has not been set a specific piece of homework, they can chose to use Seneca instead.

In addition to Seneca, a number of subjects also have licences to other online learning platforms. Details of these online platforms and other suggested tasks can be found below. The School will publish an updated Homework Policy in time for September 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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Recommended Online Learning Platforms/Homework Resources

Year 7 - 9	
Computer Science	Seneca Learning (KS3 Computer Science HyperLearning)
Design and Technology	Google Classrooms Booklet Homework KS3
English	Seneca Learning
French	Activelearn
Geography	Seneca Learning
History	Seneca Learning
Maths	Dr Frost, Google Classroom
PE	Seneca Learning (Year 7 & 8), The Everlearner - BTEC Sport & GCSE PE (Year 9)
Science	edpuzzle, BBC bitesize
Spanish	Activelearn, Seneca Learning, videos posted on Google Classroom, Kahoot and Blooket games set on Google Classroom. Planning to take up a subscription to Sentence Builders.

Year 10 - 11	
Computer Science	Seneca Learning... OCR Hyper Learning, OCR hardest questions, Practice Papers, Day Before Paper 2, Diagnostic Misconceptions, Issac Computer Science: https://isaacomputerscience.org/ , https://www.youtube.com/@craigndave
Design and Technology	Seneca Learning, Ingredients lists and bespoke HW in Google classrooms for KS4
English	Seneca Learning, Planetestream, Bespoke Google Classrooms for GCSE Literature Texts, Youtube Channels by Dr Aidan, Mr Bruff, Mrs Wheeler and Dystopian Junkie
French	Activelearn
Geography	Seneca Learning
History	Seneca Learning, Google Classroom
HSC	Google Classroom, BTEC resources (Year 10)
Maths	Dr Frost, Google Classroom
PE	The Everlearner - BTEC Sport & GCSE PE
Psychology	Seneca Learning, Flash Cards on Google Classroom (Year 10)
Science	Seneca Learning
Sociology	Seneca Learning, Flash Cards on Google Classroom (Year 10)
Spanish	Bespoke homework tasks posted in Google Classroom plus online tasks on Activelearn, Seneca Learning, videos posted on Google Classroom, Kahoot and Blooket games set on Google Classroom. Planning to take up a subscription to Sentence Builders.

Recommended Online Learning Platforms/Homework Resources

Sixth Form	
English	Planetestream, Massolit
French	Kerboodle
Geography	Seneca Learning
History	Seneca Learning for the 'Democracy and Dictatorships' unit. There aren't any that match the rest of our curriculum, so the subject teacher will create some using Google Forms. These will be ready to use from September.
HSC	Google Classroom, BTEC resources
Maths	Dr Frost, Google Classroom, Integral
PE	The Everlearner - BTEC Sport & A Level PE
Psychology	Online Textbook