

EMS/CA

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Dear parent/carer

RE: Year 8 - Home Learning

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new home learning programme for year 8. Knowledge retention is critical to student progress and as such home learning will emphasise the importance of this skill.

Each student has been issued with an exercise book and an accompanying home learning booklet. We expect them to work independently at home on developing their knowledge and skills on a daily basis. Work includes self-quizzing and acquiring key terminology in each subject. This forms the basis of a knowledge organiser.

Students will be expected to work through their home learning according to the timetable below:

Monday	Hegarty Maths (online, set by class teacher)
Tuesday	1 page of English
Wednesday	1 page of science
Thursday	half a page of MFL, half a page of history
Friday	half a page of geography, half a page of RE

Other subjects may still issue home learning via Class Charts.

We are working closely with students to develop their independent home learning skills and in each subject at least once per week they will be tested on the key knowledge and terminology for the week and this will be recorded in their exercise book. Subject teachers will provide guidance and we have a range of home learning clubs for additional support. The Learning Resource Centre is open before school, during social times and after school should your child wish to carry out any work whilst at school.

There are many benefits to completing this type of home learning, including:

- Helping pupils to develop the skills needed for independent study and GCSEs.
- Strengthening the ability to recall information.
- Highlighting areas of knowledge and areas to focus on.
- Helping free up the working memory to tackle more challenging information and concepts in lessons.

We very much hope that you will embrace the new home learning initiative and ensure that your child is completing their knowledge organiser on a daily basis.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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