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Dear Parent/Carer

Homework Schedule

You will notice from your child's planner that you can expect your child to receive homework each evening in line with a newly introduced schedule. It has always been the academy's expectation that students undertake extended learning beyond the academy day, and the introduction of the homework schedule is a direct response to recent parental feedback requesting greater clarity over homework.

I take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that your child's planner is a source of communication between you and your child's form tutor and teachers. You are asked to monitor and sign the planner and homework schedule on a weekly basis.

Silent Reading Time

It is well known that confidence in reading is key to the development of literacy and as such we have introduced an initiative which your child may have already shared with you. Every Thursday morning students spend form tutor time on individual silent reading. This can be continuing to read a novel or indeed newspaper articles. Selected students from each form group will be asked to present a review of their reading material to their peers at the end of each half term.

Parents/carers are asked to support this initiative by ensuring that a reading book is available for this time every week and by encouraging reading at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any queries please contact your child's Head of House.

Yours faithfully

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