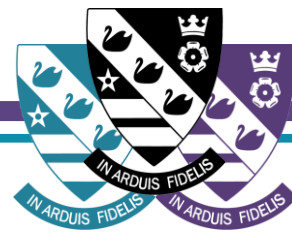


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Dear parents, carers and guardians,

Home Learning

I am writing to inform you about home learning for this academic year. As I am sure you will agree, completing home learning is important and benefits students in many ways including:

- Becoming more independent and resilient
- Consolidating learning from lessons
- Developing time management skills
- Boosting self-esteem through student success
- Helping to identify problem areas in learning
- Connecting students, parents, carers and guardians and teachers as a team

As a school we also appreciate the importance of students spending time with family and getting involved in extracurricular activities. Therefore, we have ensured that the tasks set are what evidence tells us that will make the biggest difference to students' progress and life experience; we have also limited the amount to ensure that home learning is achievable.

There is a strong emphasis on coursework completion in KS4, together with an increased focus on revising for assessments and mock exams. KS4 students should also expect regular homework from:

- English, maths and science once per week
- Each option subject once per fortnight

All home learning tasks will be set by the teachers in lessons and students will be asked to write this into their planners, together with specific due dates. Details about the tasks set will also be sent to students through Arbor assignments, where students will be able to access any guidance and resources; students who are absent from a lesson will also still be able to access the task this way.

The Arbor assignments will be displayed to both you and students with the newest assignments at the top. Students will be able to clear these assignments by marking them as complete on Arbor once they have done them. This facility is also available to them through the Student Arbor app, which we advise all students to download and access. Staff will not have the capacity to remove completed assignments from Arbor; it is students' responsibility to swipe or mark these as completed once they have done a piece of homework. You will be able to check that home learning tasks have actually been completed by students by checking their H+/H- points, as this is how staff will record that information.



Rewards and Consequences

Where students complete their home learning, we will be celebrating this by giving an H+ for each completed task. A running tally of how many H+ points the students receive will be visible to you in the Arbor app, and you will be able to see which home learning tasks have been completed. Students will be able to collect a reward for every 10 H+ points they collect, and we will also be celebrating the students with the most H+ with rewards each term with additional rewards.

However, where students do not hand in a home learning task on time, they will be given an H- point for each missed assignment. Each time they accumulate five H- points, this will lead to a home learning detention, which will take place in the Hemingway Suite. In this detention, they will use this time to complete the missed assignments. Detentions will take place on a Monday after school. If students miss this detention through absence, they will be expected to attend the Hemingway Suite on their first available day back in school.

I'd like to remind you that we run a Home Learning Club every day after school except Friday in the LRC, where staff are available to support if needed. In addition, the LRC is open before school, at break and lunch most days.

If there are any barriers to your child completing their home learning, please contact their PD tutor or encourage them to visit the staff in the LRC for after school.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Wales', written in a cursive style.

Chris Wales
Associate Assistant Principal