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Dear Parents and Carers

Science Homework Information

Science homework will continue to be based on the online platform Tassomai this year. The Tassomai programme is proven to help improve progress and aid revision in Science. We have used this successfully in the past with our students and are pleased to be able to do so again. Below are a few key questions about the platform:

What is Tassomai?
It is an online learning platform that can be used on a computer via app.tassomai.com, a phone or a tablet *via* the Tassomai app, available on Google play or Apple stores. Students will complete short regular quizzes based on a variety of science topics to build up their knowledge and understanding of key scientific ideas (often called AO1 objectives in the GCSE assessments). The program uses a formula that analyses the answers to understand their needs and designs quizzes that are specifically personalised for them to make the most progress. For more information, please see https://www.tassomai.com/how-tassomai-works

What are the homework expectations for Tassomai?
For the platform to work we need to students to access and engage with it regularly, as targeted repetition, completed little and often, is the most effective and efficient way to implant knowledge. As a result, we expect students to complete 4 out of 7 daily goals* every week during term time. We recommend students complete a daily goal on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in order to have the weekends free. To aid with this we recommend students set reminders on each of these 4 days, e.g. setting an alarm on their phones at 3.30pm.

To incentivise engagement and completion students who meet their 4 out of 7 daily goals are awarded a R1 and entered into a class raffle the following week. Those who complete more than 4 daily goals are awarded a R2 and have extra entries in the raffle. We also use leaderboards to celebrate classes who are doing particularly well.

On the other hand, if students fail to meet less than 4 out of 7 daily goals a set of tiered responses and consequences will occur, which can include IL detentions.

What are daily goals and how are they calculated?
Daily goals are based on achieving a set number of points, which is usually between 40-60 points and depends on engagement and student performance. Typically, it takes 5-15 minutes each day to complete a daily goal. Points towards a daily goal are calculated as follows:

- Each correct question is worth +3 points
- Errors result in -1 point (thus, it is important students read the question carefully and take care in selecting the correct answers in order to be as accurate as possible)
- Extra points are for 'perfect quiz' where students have answered each question within a quiz correctly
- Extra points are awarded for completion of whole topic quizzes

How do students set up Tassomai?
To set up their account for Tassomai, students will need to do the following:

Y7 and other new students:

1. Visit https://app.tassomai.com/login
2. Use their school email address " ....@olympustrust.co.uk" and the password: SmartWayToStudy
3. Set a new memorable password
4. Get quizzing!

Y8-11 returning students:
The students will need to log in with their pervious login details (username: @olympustrust.co.uk email address, password: the one that they have set previously)
If they have forgotten their password, they must click the link "forgot password?" underneath the username and password fields.

How do I monitor Tassomai usage of my child?
Each Monday parents and guardians who have selected to have their emails shared with the school will receive a weekly report each Monday, reporting on the previous week. You can also download the parent app and monitor accuracy and daily goal completion whenever. Within the app you can also analyse your child's strengths and weaknesses using the learner tree (see: https://www.tassomai.com/tree)

Finally, we thank you for supporting your child in completing their homework for science, which we hope will accelerate their progress and understanding of the subject in order to allow them to reach their potential.

If there are any further questions or issues with logging in then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, or myself (ryan.beattie@olympustrust.co.uk)

Kind regards,

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