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Dear Parents and Carers

YEAR 11 HOMEWORK

From Monday 16th September, teachers will begin setting homework for all students in Year 11. Here at BSCS we value the important role homework plays in the learning, progress and development of our young people and want to share some important information. We haven't set homework during the first two weeks to allow students to get back into routines after the summer break.

Learning outside of the classroom allows our students to build resilience and develop strong working habits throughout their time at school. Evidence published by the Education Endowment Foundation shows that active engagement with homework at secondary school could add an additional five months of progress onto each students' learning, as well as improving academic outcomes. Homework provides our students with an opportunity to practise, consolidate and develop the learning that has taken place in the classroom.

How Homework is set

All Homework will be set on Arbor. Students will have weekly homework for English, maths, science, and their option subjects.

Where possible, homework will be set on the days shown in the timetable below, and students will have a week to complete it. Due to the timetable, there may be some subjects that set on different days, but students will always be given adequate time to complete the assigned work. We suggest homework is completed on the night it is set but understand that this isn't always possible.

Homework expectations

We appreciate that each student works differently and that the time taken to complete a task may vary significantly from student to student. For this reason, we have introduced **time-based activities**. Students will now be asked to **spend a specific amount of time working on homework, dependent on their year group**. With each student now spending the same amount of time on their homework, no individual should feel overwhelmed or under-challenged with the work set.

If your child has an EHCP and is struggling with the homework set, please contact their keyworker so that we can discuss an adapted programme. If your child is having difficulty with homework but does not have a keyworker, please contact their tutor Head of Year.

Kind regards,

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Year 11 Homework timetable

This timetable is the minimum requirement, taking into account parent feedback. We know many students will want to challenge themselves and can use the Subject Knowledge Organisers for self-quizzing to consolidate knowledge. Oak Academy Oak National Academy Online Classroom (thenational.academy) is another great resource where students can access additional home learning tasks.

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English (1 hour)	Science (1 hour)	Option A (1 hour)	Option D (1 hour) Maths (1 hour)	Option B (1 hour)
Optional Revision	Option P (1 hour)	Optional Revision	Optional Revision	Optional Revision

Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English (1 hour)	Science (1 hour)	Optional Revision	Option A (1 hour)	Option D (1 hour)
Optional Revision	Option P (1 hour)	Option B (1 hour)	Maths (1 hour)	Optional Revision

Additional information about Year 11 Science Homework

In Year 11 students move from Tassomai to completing exam practice questions as their core homework for science. However, students, if they wish, can of course continue to use the Tassomai platform to build their knowledge.

Why the change?
This change is in order to develop their examination and application skills in preparation for the external exams in May and June, as well as their mock exams in November and February.

What will the new homework look like?
Every week students will be given a set of past exam questions to complete by one of their science teachers that focusses on a particular topic they have covered in the GCSE Science course. Each week students will complete either a Biology, Chemistry or Physics topic.

In order to complete the questions, students will be expected to prepare and review the topic being covered before attempting the question. This preparation should involve active revision e.g. creating mind maps of the topic that students learn by covering up and try to recall on a blank piece of paper. Once students have reviewed the content of the topic, they should complete the questions set. Each set of questions has been designed to be approximately 20 marks of questions. They should take between 25-35 minutes to complete. These will be posted on their Science Google classroom and given a deadline. On the due date the expectation is that students will bring in paper copies of their completed questions to their science lesson.

We thank you for supporting your child in completing their homework for science. It is hoped that this extra layer of practise will put them in the best possible position for their upcoming mock exams this year and their external exams in May/June.

If there are any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, or Ryan Beattie, Subject Lead for Science (ryan.beattie@olympustrust.co.uk).