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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 - Homework

From Monday 14th 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 have not set homework during the first two weeks to allow students to get back into routines after the summer break.

Learning outside 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 to 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 is homework set?

All homework will be set on Arbor. Students will receive weekly homework in English, maths and science, alongside weekly homework for each of their option subjects. The timetable also identifies opportunities for students to complete additional independent revision.

Where possible, homework will be set on the days shown in the timetable below, and students will have one week to complete it. Due to the timetable, some subjects may occasionally set homework on a different day, but students will always be given adequate time to complete the assigned work. We suggest that homework is completed on the night it is set, but understand that this is not 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. Homework activities are therefore time-based: students are asked to **spend a specific amount of time working on homework, dependent on their year group.** With each student spending the same amount of time on their homework, no individual should feel overwhelmed or under-challenged by the work set.

Homework must also be submitted by the deadline. Where a deadline is missed, the following behaviour process will apply:

Arbor log	Description	Consequence
C1	First missed deadline	Warning. A new deadline is set for the work to be completed.
C2	A second missed deadline, or failure to submit by the extension deadline	C2 teacher detention (set by the teacher)
C3	Further missed deadlines or repeated non-completion	C3 curriculum detention (set centrally)

Finally, 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 or 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. Oak National Academy Online Classroom is another useful resource where students can access additional home learning tasks.

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

Additional information about Year 11 Science homework

In Year 11, students will complete weekly exam-practice questions alongside regular Sparx Science assignments.

Why the change?
This change is intended to develop students' examination and application skills in preparation for their mock examinations in November and February and their external examinations in May and June.

What will the new homework look like?
Each week, one of the science teachers will set past-exam questions focused on a topic students have already covered in the GCSE Science course. The subject focus will rotate between Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Before attempting the questions, students should prepare by actively reviewing the topic. For example, they might create a mind map, cover it, and then try to recall the content on a blank piece of paper. Students should then complete the set of approximately 20 marks of questions. The questions should take around 25-35 minutes, in addition to the preparation time. Work will be posted on the Science Google Classroom with a deadline, and students should bring a paper copy of their completed questions to the relevant science lesson.

Thank you for supporting your child in completing their science homework. This additional practice is intended to put students in the best possible position for their mock and external examinations.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's science teacher in the first instance, or the Head of Science, Jonathan Maydom (jonathan.maydom@olympustrust.co.uk)