

Dear Parent/Carer

Research evidence informs us that for secondary school children, homework has a significant positive effect on their academic achievement. This is one of the core reasons it forms such an integral part of our curriculum offer at the academy. Subject leaders ensure that tasks are purposeful, aligned to the content being covered and will not take more than one-hour to complete.

We pride ourselves in supporting our students to develop into reflective and responsible learners. Part of this process is ensuring that they understand the importance of meeting deadlines and the positive contribution home learning makes to their overall progress. Our current sanction system does not allow us to do this, with students seeing their 'first non-submission' as a free pass not to meet the deadline being set. This can have a knock-on effect when subsequent lessons are designed around the completion of these tasks.

On Monday 20 January our new home learning consequence system will go live. Details are outlined below:

First Failed Submission, 30-minute Faculty Detention

- If a student attends this detention with the task completed to the standard required, they can leave immediately.
- If a student does not hand in the home learning task, they will remain in the 30-minute Detention until the task is completed to the required standard.

60-minute Year Team Detention

- If a student does not attend the 30-minute Faculty Detention, it will be upscaled to a 60-minute Year Team Detention.

60-minute 'repeat' Year Team Detention

- If a student does not attend the first 60-minute Year Team Detention, students will be given a second opportunity to complete the 60-minute Detention before it is upscaled.

Two-hour Principal's Detention

- If a student fails the repeat 60-minute Detention or has several failed first submissions in a week, they will complete a two-hour Principal's Detention.
- Failure at this point will lead to placement in Internal Suspension.

Home Learning Support

For students that require support completing home learning we offer a lunchtime and 'end of day' home learning club in room EG02. Students have access to computers, and a member of staff if they need support, and we ask that you encourage your child to attend if you know they are reluctant to complete tasks at home. As ever, we appreciate your support in ensuring that our students achieve to the very best of their ability.

Yours faithfully



Mr R. Hodgson
Assistant Principal