

8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our school's relentless pursuit of excellence, we will be launching a new homework strategy from 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 for Years 7, 8 and 9.

The Waverley School homework policy for Key Stage 3 will be based around the use of regular self-quizzing from our specially created knowledge organisers. A knowledge organiser is a one-page document that contains all of the crucial information a student needs to be able to succeed in their subject areas. The knowledge organiser booklet your child will be given contains content covered in the Spring Term which will allow students to consolidate the work they have already covered. Each half term, the booklet will be updated to reflect changes in each subject's curriculum area.

Maths homework will be set by your child's maths teacher and will consist of weekly quizzes on Maths Watch. Students will have one week to complete their homework on the Maths Watch website and completion of the homework will be checked by your child's math's teacher. If you do not have internet access or access to a computer, then the school library has computers which can be accessed every day after school or during break and lunch. All students have been given their usernames and passwords to Maths Watch by the math's department. All students have been given their usernames and passwords to Maths Watch by the math's department. The format is as follows:

- Username: 'username'@waverley
- Password: waverley - however pupils can change this to a personalised password

Each night your child will be expected to complete a minimum of 30 minutes self-quizzing from the relevant subject knowledge organiser into their self-quizzing homework exercise book. 30 minutes of homework equates to one side of A4. In addition, they are expected to complete 30 minutes reading of a suitable text. If your child is in **Year 7, 8 or 9** their homework timetable will be as follows:

Day	Subject Homework – 30 minutes	Due	+ Reading 30 minutes
Monday	English	Tuesday	
Tuesday	Science	Wednesday	
Wednesday	Humanities- History/Geography/R.E.	Thursday	
Thursday	MFL	Friday	
Friday	Maths	Next lesson	

Saturday	Art/Textiles/Music/Drama	Monday	
Sunday	Physical Education and IT	Monday	

Where there are multiple subjects on a night your child will choose which subject they wish to focus on for that given evening.

If your child completes their homework, they will be given one positive point on their Conduct Card. However, if your child fails to complete their homework, they will receive one negative point on their Conduct Card. Five negatives on a Conduct Card equals a 30-minute detention.

Furthermore, if your child loses either their Knowledge Organiser book or their homework book then they will be required to buy a replacement at the cost of £1. This can be purchased on Parent Pay and collected from the Pastoral Office.

When completing homework, your child needs to follow these steps to ensure their self-quizzing is as effective as possible:

- **Look**- read the definition/quotation that is written in your knowledge organiser either in your head or aloud.
- **Cover** - cover the definition/quotation up, so you cannot see it.
- **Write** - write the definition/quotation down into your homework book exactly as it appears in your vocabulary book.
- **Check** - check the definition/quotation you have written against the definition/quotation in your vocabulary book, it must be written exactly as it appears in your knowledge organiser, correct any spelling mistakes, factual mistakes and anything you have missed when writing by memory by using a different colour pen.

I am sure you will support Waverley School's pursuit of excellence and ensuring the best possible life chances for your child by discussing the importance of homework with them and making sure they complete their homework to the best of their ability. If you have any questions about the homework programme, or how best to support your child with completing their work, then please email using the following: [enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk) for the attention of Mr Leese re: homework programme.

Kind regards,



Mr D Leese  
Vice Principal