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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we progress with the new academic year, I would like to take a moment to introduce you to Ansford Academy's Homework Policy for students in Years 7 to 11. We firmly believe that homework is a vital tool in supporting your child's learning and academic development. When designed thoughtfully, homework enables students to consolidate classroom knowledge, develop independent study skills, and become more resilient learners.

Building independent learning skills from Year 7 is a vital part of a student's toolkit for success when faced with the demands of Level 2 qualifications such as GCSEs. Homework assignments are carefully designed and issued throughout the week to avoid, as much as possible, situations where students have several pieces to complete each night.

The Value and Impact of Homework

Homework plays a key role in reinforcing what students have learned, providing opportunities to deepen their understanding, and developing vital skills such as time management, organisation, and self-discipline. A structured approach to homework encourages students to take ownership of their learning, which is crucial as they prepare for future academic and career success.

Through regular homework tasks, we aim to support your child's intellectual growth and build their confidence in managing tasks independently. Research suggests that students who complete regular, meaningful homework can achieve significantly better academic outcomes.

Homework Expectations for Years 7 to 11

To ensure that homework expectations are consistent and clear, here is a breakdown of the homework schedule for each year group:

Year 7 & 8

- **English, Maths, and Science:** Weekly 30-minute tasks
- **Geography, History, and French/Spanish:** Fortnightly 30-minute tasks
- **All Other Subjects:** Termly tasks

Year 9

- **English, Maths, and Science:** Weekly 30-45-minute tasks
- **Geography, History, and French/Spanish:** Fortnightly 30-45-minute tasks
- **All Other Subjects:** Termly tasks

Year 10 & 11

- **All Subjects:** Weekly 45-60 minute tasks for all subjects
- In addition to regular homework, students in Years 10 and 11 will be invited to participate in extra intervention programmes, based on assessment outcomes. These sessions are designed to provide additional support where needed, particularly as students prepare for their GCSE exams.

We believe that this graduated increase in homework time across the years is designed to help students develop the skills and habits necessary for success in their studies, particularly as they approach their final years of secondary education.

How Parents/Carers Can Support Homework

As partners in your child's education, we greatly appreciate your support. Here are some ways you can help your child manage their homework:

- **Create a Suitable Workspace:** Ensure your child has a quiet, well-lit space to work, free from distractions. This will help them concentrate and be more productive.
- **Establish a Homework Routine:** Set a regular time each day for homework. Having a set routine encourages good study habits and helps your child manage their workload.
- **Use Class Charts:** All homework tasks, including links to online resources and deadlines, will be posted by each teacher on Class Charts. We encourage you to regularly check this platform with your child and discuss their homework tasks to ensure they stay organised.
- **Encourage Independent Learning:** While it's important to provide support, we encourage you to help your child become more independent. Teach them to break tasks into manageable chunks, seek out resources, and ask for help when necessary.
- **Provide Encouragement and Praise:** Recognise your child's effort and achievements, no matter how big or small. Positive reinforcement boosts their motivation and encourages a positive attitude towards homework.

If your child is struggling with a particular task or feels overwhelmed, please do not hesitate to contact their subject teacher. Teachers are happy to offer additional guidance and support to ensure your child's success.

We thank you for your continued support in helping your child thrive academically. Together, we can ensure that every student has the tools they need to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

Yours sincerely,



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