

To: Parents/Carers of Year 10 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Homework

I hope that your child has settled into Year 10 at South Hunsley and they are enjoying their GCSE option choices. At South Hunsley, teachers will regularly set homework activities to compliment learning inside of the classroom and promote independent learning and study skills. Evidence shows that homework can have a positive impact on a student's learning and their outcomes.

In Year 10, it is expected that all subjects will regularly set homework for students. Students should record their homework in their planners. Teachers will also set homework as an assignment on Microsoft Teams, which pupils can access using their school e-mail address and password. If a student forgets their homework, then a "H" Be Ready Written Warning will be recorded in the planner. Students will be given stamps for completed homework. We ask parents/carers to support teaching staff by checking planners for written warnings.

As shared in our GCSE information evening we have some top tips for you to support your child with their homework:

- Regularly check your child's planner for upcoming homework deadlines and any missed homework activities.
- Provide a suitable quiet space for your child to complete their homework.
- Help your child create a regular routine for managing their homework.
- Encourage your child to form good habits with their homework, including:
 - Completing homework at a suitable time of day.
 - Completing homework away from distractions such as mobile phones, social media and TV.
 - Not to rush through homework activities and complete to a high standard – making sure that the work is completed.



- ❑ Ask your child general questions about what they have been learning in school and their homework activities.
- ❑ If your child does not have specific homework activities set, encourage your child to look back and revisit classwork from their subjects, complete some further reading around their subject areas or access one of our online platforms.

If pupils require a space to complete homework at school the library, which has IT facilities, is open at lunchtimes and after school until 5pm. We also have a twilight bus which operates on a Monday and Thursday evening, leaving just after 5pm from the bus park. The twilight bus serves all our feeder villages, pupils will need to notify the driver of their stop as they enter the bus.

For pupils wanting to complete additional independent work outside of the classroom we have a number of online platforms and resources available including:

- **Tassomai** - <https://www.tassomai.com/>
Contains short quizzes for students in the core subjects. It is a website that is designed to be used little and often with students, as the website generates quizzes based on past performance of topic areas. Pupils should login with their school e-mail address and if they do not have a password, use the 'forgotten password' link for the first time logging in.
- **GCSE Pod** - <https://www.gcsepod.com/>
Contains short videos and questions for GCSE courses across all subjects. Students can select the 'Login with Microsoft' option and sign in using their school e-mail address and password.
- **Limitless Potential Pages**: <https://southhunsley.org.uk/limitless-potential/>
- Contains links for the core subject areas and links to other department specific platforms for student to use and access
- **Revision Strategies** - <https://southhunsley.org.uk/files/uploads/2023/02/Revision-Strategies.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding your child's learning. please contact your child's Head of Year for general enquires or their class teacher for subject specific enquires.

Yours faithfully,



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