

To: All Parents/Carers of Year 9 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Homework

I hope that your child has settled into Year 9 at South Hunsley and enjoyed their first half term. 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.

To support our students with their organisation and workload, we have a homework rota, where the frequency of homework set will increase each academic year. In Year 9, core subjects will set weekly homework and all other subjects will set homework as and when appropriate. 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.

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 links to resources on our website:

- **Limitless Potential Pages:** <https://southhunsley.org.uk/limitless-potential/>
- **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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