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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Launch of our New Homework Policy**

We are excited to introduce a new approach to homework at Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy, designed to maximise learning outcomes and support your child’s academic success. Research by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) highlights that students who regularly complete homework is, on average, five months ahead of their peers. With this in mind, we have developed a policy that ensures homework is purposeful, structured, and supportive of independent learning.

**The Benefits of Homework**

Homework plays a crucial role in:

- Accelerating learning and helping students make quicker progress.
- Encouraging independence, preparing students for exams and future challenges.
- Reinforcing classroom learning through regular practice.
- Engaging families in the learning process and strengthening the partnership between home and school.
- Developing time management skills and boosting students’ confidence.

**Homework Structure**

For Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9), homework will focus on EBacc subjects: Maths, English, Science, Languages, History, and Geography. Students will complete approximately three hours of independent learning per week, including tasks set on platforms such as Sparx Maths, Sparx Science, and Sparx Reader.

For Key Stage 4, the structure will differ between Year 10 and Year 11:

- **Year 10:** Students will have approximately 4 hours of independent learning weekly, tailored to their core and option subjects. Tasks will include knowledge recall activities, extended writing, and work on online platforms like Carousel Learning.
- **Year 11:** To acknowledge the additional commitment of an extra Period 6 lesson, Year 11 students will have a reduced homework load. This adjustment ensures they can balance their academic responsibilities effectively while still engaging in meaningful independent study.

Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4	Key Stage 4
<b>Year 7 - 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
40mins Sparx Maths	50mins Sparx Maths	30mins Sparx Maths
40mins Sparx Reader	50mins Carousel English	30mins Carousel English
40mins Sparx Science	50mins Sparx Science	30mins Sparx Science
20min per Ebacc Subject	1 meaningful HW per option subject	1 meaningful HW per option subject
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<b>Approx 3 hours of independent learning</b>	<b>Approx 4 hours of independent learning</b>	<b>Approx 3 hours of independent learning</b>

### **When and How Homework is Set**

To provide consistency, all homework will be set on **Monday mornings and due by Sunday evenings**. Assignments will be logged on ClassCharts, enabling parents and carers to view task details, deadlines, and resources. Teachers will also track submission and send reminders when necessary.

### **Monitoring and Support**

Staff will log homework completion on ClassCharts each week. Tutors will review this data and address any non-completion with an initial phone call home. Persistent issues will be escalated to Heads of House. Additionally, tutors will help students create personalised timetables to balance homework with extracurricular commitments.

### **Encouraging Success**

To motivate students, we will reward consistent effort and achievement in homework through our school's recognition programme. This will include positive logs on ClassCharts and other school-wide rewards.

If you encounter any issues with homework in specific subjects, please contact the relevant class teacher via email for assistance.

We are confident that this structured approach to homework will empower our students to reach their full potential. Your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's homework completion will be invaluable. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor.

Yours sincerely,

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