

January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer


**RE: Period 7**

We wrote to you last year to provide details about our plans to introduce Period 7. This was trialled in the summer term and fully implemented from September 2016. We are pleased to inform you that we have achieved a 60% reduction in the number of non-completion of home learning events. This has been a great achievement and we would like to thank parents and students for working with us to improve the quality and consistency in attitude to home learning. Consequently this will have a positive impact on your child's learning and help them to secure excellent outcomes in their end of year exams.

The current system runs from Monday-Thursday and this has provided sufficient support for most students and has allowed them to complete missed or partially completed home learning and do catch up work as directed by their subject teacher. However, for a small minority of students who are regularly in Period 7 we feel it is now necessary to add another layer of intervention which will be overseen by the Senior Leadership Team. With this in mind from January 2017 students who still need further help to make the right choices regarding their attitude including home learning will be required to attend a Senior Leadership Period 7 session on a Friday evening until 4.40pm. If your child accumulates four Period 7 sessions for non-completion of home learning within a half term they will be expected to attend the Senior Leadership Period 7 session. You will be notified in the usual way by a text message, but a letter will also be sent home highlighting our concern. We believe this extra intervention will be enough to ensure this small minority of students fulfil our home learning expectations and therefore re-align them with their peers. However, after this intervention if a student should continue not to complete home learning parents will be invited into school for a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you in advance for your support as we consistently strive to keep standards and expectations high. We are sure you agree, given the increased expectation on students around examinations, it is now more important than ever to embed a positive work ethic.

Yours sincerely

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