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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to share with you the new Hungerhill home learning policy. Due to the lost learning time caused by multiple lockdowns, home learning is more important than ever to close the gaps and help our students fulfil their potential. The full policy can be found on our website (<https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=95>) and a summary of the key points from the policy is below.

- The new home learning policy is built around the importance of retrieval to embed the knowledge and skills students learn in lessons. “Retrieval practice is where we focus on getting the information out.” Through the act of retrieval, students’ memory for information is strengthened and forgetting is less likely to occur.
- Home learning will be set by teachers every 2-5 lessons and all home learning tasks will be set through ‘Assignments’ on Microsoft Teams. Most home learning tasks will be retrieval tasks on Microsoft Forms, for example a multiple-choice quiz or an exam question.
- Students are expected to record brief details of the task in their planner, along with the completion deadline: we ask for the support of parents/carers in checking your child’s planner and assignments on Teams to encourage them to keep on top of the home learning tasks they have been set.
- Bonuses, rewards and positive texts to parents/carers for achievement and sustained effort will be regularly awarded for good home learning. Students who go above and beyond with their home learning will be recognised by Form Tutors, Heads of Year and the Senior Leadership Team, alongside recognition in half termly rewards assemblies, end of year assemblies, awards mornings and end of year rewards trips.
- If home learning is not completed and submitted by the deadline, students will be issued with an ‘IN2’ on SIMS and their home learning effort will be reflected in their attitude to learning grades. Ongoing concerns about repeated non-completion will be followed up by teachers with a phone call to parents/carers. Students who repeatedly do not complete home learning can be referred to the home learning support sessions as detailed below.
- Microsoft Teams can be accessed on any device (such as a mobile phone, gaming console, laptop, tablet etc), however if students do not have access to an electronic device on which to complete the home learning tasks, home learning support sessions will run from 3.10-3.40pm in IT4 from September.

- For support with using Microsoft Teams for parents and students, a 'Microsoft Teams Guide' can be found on our website:

<https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=Distance+Learning&pid=215>.

As a mechanism to support with the retrieval focus of home learning, we will soon be launching a Hungerhill Study Skills programme and booklet. This is being rolled out with Year 10 during Summer Term and a booklet with more information for students and parents will be circulated in due course.

Your sincerely,



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