

Dear Parent/ Carer

11th September 2023

We have enjoyed welcoming students back to school and I have been pleased to see students returning in the right frame of mind and ready to learn: students have returned with a clear focus and the right attitude for learning.

An area of focus this year with students is to improve independence in learning – we want Plympton Academy students to feel empowered so that they can complete work and achieve their best in any assessments they complete.

To help students develop their independence further outside of the classroom, we are making changes to our homework policy. Home learning will be set by individual subject teachers. Students will be informed of the task and handing in instructions which will be accessible on Classcharts including the hand in date. The tasks given should take approximately 20 minutes for KS3 and 30 minutes for KS4. This may vary at times for some subjects but reasonable time scales will be given to complete homework to a good standard.

Students will be expected to complete all home learning to the best of their ability and will be rewarded when providing outstanding homework. As a result of these changes, there may be some days where students are set more homework than others. To help your child organise their week, please find our suggested homework completion timetable below. This will ensure that your child is not overstretched if multiple pieces are set on the same day.

Year 9	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3
Monday	English	Geography	Art
Tuesday	Science	History	
Wednesday	Maths	RS	
Thursday	Science	English	
Friday	Spanish	Maths	Technology

Students will be completing homework in their exercise books where appropriate: we hope that you will enjoy discussing your child's learning with them and seeing the work they complete in class. Please encourage them to take pride in their work and complete all work to the best of their ability.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Shaun Willis

Vice Principal.