



Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We wanted to write to explain about some changes to the way we manage Homework completion at Main School from the start of this new term.

Successful home learning habits and study are central to helping students develop skills for lifelong learning. In our school aims it is clear that we want students to develop lively, enquiring minds, capable of original thought and well-balanced argument. We want to help our students become confident, independent learners. We also aim for students to derive enjoyment from learning, extending their curiosity and challenging them intellectually.

Our behaviour data analysis has shown us that the majority of penalty points issued at Main School are for missing or late Homework. We are also aware that some students face a range of difficulties outside of school, which can make completing homework more challenging. These situations can vary greatly between individuals but the impact on wider learning beyond the classroom is the same.

Students have always had access to the Library where they are able to complete Homework at breaks and lunchtimes. In addition, this academic year, we have introduced a daily supervised lunchtime Homework Club. This has proved really popular and students who have taken advantage of this provision so far have significantly reduced the number of Penalty Points they were accruing for Homework matters. Therefore, in order to support students to develop good study habits and get into routines we are trialling a different response to missing or incomplete Homework for the Spring term. If a student does not complete a piece of Homework (or a deadline is missed), the teacher will still record this as a behaviour incident on SIMS (Insight) as now. However, instead of the penalty point response if a student receives three incidents of incomplete/missing Homework they will instead be required to attend the supervised lunchtime Homework Club for the following five days. By attending lunchtime Homework Club students can ensure they are keeping up-to-date with Homework and get into a better study routine.

Students must continue to record all Homework (and deadlines) in their student planner and we would ask that parents/carers continue to support this process by checking and signing the planner on a weekly basis.

These changes will be explained to students this week by form tutors and via an email message. We will evaluate the impact of this trial at half term and review/amend procedures accordingly. Thank you, in anticipation, for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact either me or your son/daughter's Head of Year if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J O Alcock
Assistant Headteacher: Main School