



24th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this letter finds both you and your loved ones well. I thought that I would write to you all with a couple of updates; on homework and extra-curricular clubs.

We hope that your children have settled back in to the routine of academy life. It is lovely to see them playing football again, and without the need for 'bubbles', students are able to start the day in their form groups, to discuss their well-being, expectations and community activities. We want our students to thrive, and please know that their well-being is of huge importance to us. Our business is, however, and always will be, education. Now that we are back to near normality, it is time to ensure that all students are making the progress they need to from their respective start points. Homework helps us to embed the learned knowledge, as well as revisit key facts ready for further teaching. I have looked at homework calendars, and have come up with the following for Key Stage 3:

Year 7	Mon1	Tues 1	Wed 1	Thurs 1	Fri 1	Mon 2	Tues 2	Wed 2	Thurs 2	Fri 2
	Maths	Science	English	Art	ICT	Maths	Science	English	RS	Tech
	Geog	PHE			MFL	MFL		Music	History	

Year 8	Mon1	Tues 1	Wed 1	Thurs 1	Fri 1	Mon 2	Tues 2	Wed 2	Thurs 2	Fri 2
	Maths	Music	RS	English	Science	Maths	ICT	Geog	English	Science
		MFL		PHE		MFL		History		Art

Year 9	Mon1	Tues 1	Wed 1	Thurs 1	Fri 1	Mon 2	Tues 2	Wed 2	Thurs 2	Fri 2
	Drama	Maths	Science	RS	English	PHE	Maths	Art	Science	English
	MFL	Technol ogy			Geog		History		MFL	

Please note that there should be one homework set per week for a core subject, and one per fortnight for a foundation subject. These timetables should be used as a rough guide only, as not all classes have the same lessons on the same day. Students should be writing their homework in their planners, so please check that this is happening, and encourage them to complete the homework in a timely fashion.

Secondly, extra-curricular clubs are now starting up again. As you will note, there is now an extensive offer from the PE team, who are relieved to be able to do this again. This offer changes on a half-termly basis, with this half term as follows

DAY	WEEK	LUNCHTIME CLUB 12:45-13:10	AFTERSCHOOL CLUB 15:30-16:30	FIXTURES
Monday	1	Year 7/8 Table Tennis Gym LTA	Staff Meetings	Staff Meetings
	2	Year 7/8 Table Tennis Gym LTA	Staff Meetings	Staff Meetings
Tuesday	1	Year 9 Table Tennis Gym JSP	Year 10/11 Football LTA	<i>U14/16 South Norfolk Netball League TBC</i> U15/U15 South Norfolk Football League
	2	Year 9 Table Tennis Gym JSP	Year 7-11 Rugby JSP JBO SCH	<i>U14 ESFA National Cup TBC</i>
Wednesday	1	Year 10 Table Tennis Gym RBR	Staff Meetings	Reserve Fixture Slot
	2	Year 10 Table Tennis Gym RBR	Staff Meetings	
Thursday	1		Year 7-9 Netball KIS LWA Year 7-9 Football LTA JSP	KS3 Clubs
	2		KS3 Fixtures	Year 7-9 ATT Netball (Home) Year 7-9 ATT Football (Home)
Friday	1	Year 11 Table Tennis Gym KIS		
	2	Year 11 Table Tennis Gym KIS		

In addition to this, there are the following offers, which have started or will be starting soon. If your child is interested in any of these, please ask them to contact the lead teacher directly:

Maths Cipher Competition: If your child likes solving puzzles and breaking codes, this could be just the club for them! This club is running on a Friday lunchtime until half term, and then Thursdays until 4:30pm after school. Please see **Miss Colson** for more details.

Library Assistants Programme: This programme is running for year 7s and 8s, and will begin on September 28th, at lunchtime. Please see **Ms Copeland** for details.

Book Club: Also starts on September 28th, with fortnightly meetings – Years 7 and 8 welcome on Thursdays, with Year 9s on a Friday. Please see **Ms Copeland** for details.

General Library sessions: The library is now open at lunchtime for Years 7 and 8 on Tuesday and Thursdays, with Year 9 welcome on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please see **Ms Copeland** for details.

Decorating Club: Every lunchtime – harness your inner creativity, and help make sure that the Science Dept external displays remain as amazing as ever! Please see **Ms Williams** for details.

Science ambassador Scheme: Students will be asked to apply to become ambassadors and will meet regularly. Please tell your child to watch out for the upcoming assembly for more information.

Science Club: This will shortly be restarting on Thursday lunchtimes for KS3. Please see **Ms Williams** for details.

Gardening Club: this will start as soon as we have sufficient interest. If your child is interested, please ask them to speak to **Miss Williams**.

Drama Club: Currently meeting every Tuesday lunchtime. Hopefully there will be enough interest to put on a Christmas production. this club will move to after school following the Half-term break if this is the case. All year groups welcome, please speak to **Miss Francis** for details.

Cooking Club: Every Tuesday after school, from 1530-1730. All year groups welcome. Please see **Mr Soudain** for details.

Forest School: **Ms Garner** is keen to set up a woodland craft club. If this is something that your child would like to get involved in, please ask them to have a chat with the teacher, to discuss availability.

New ideas are coming in all the time, and staff are happy to accommodate where possible. We do have staff training on a Monday after school, and Faculty Meetings after school on a Wednesday, so timings can be a bit limited. We do realise the importance of reconnecting with the academy community though, so please do encourage your child to take part if possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal.