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Home Learning Expectations and Guidance

At the Taunton Academy we believe in the value that effective home learning adds to a student's progress and confidence.

Recent research into student success has shown the value of home learning as a foundation for future success.

The quotes below focus on a student's success at 'A' level:

..... students who spent a significant amount of time on home learning in Year 11 were nine times more likely to get three A-levels than those who did no regular home learning

... students get better A-levels through reading for pleasure, education trips and regular home learning....

.... students were significantly more likely to go on to attain three or more A-levels
.... where they experienced average or good levels of academic enrichment at home.

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Home learning enables students to:

- Consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning
- Access resources that are not available in the classroom
- Develop research skills
- Complete independent work
- Demonstrate understanding and progress
- Enhance their own study skills e.g. planning, time management and self- organisation
- Show ownership and responsibility for their learning
- Engage parents/carers with their child's learning

Student's home learning tasks will be recorded by teachers on 'Classcharts.com'. This can be accessed via our school website. Each student is given individual login details and so parents can access, with their child, the home learning tasks.

Setting Guidance:

- English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and French weekly
- All other subjects fortnightly

Year's 7 and 8 should receive 30 minutes per subject.

Year's 9 and 10 should receive 45 minutes per subject.

Year 11 should receive 60 minutes per subject.



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Home Learning Responsibilities

The Teacher will:

- Set home learning that is purposeful and relevant.
- Provide extension opportunities for students in their home learning.
- Set deadlines for home learning completion and ensure they are met.
- Mark all home learning and award merits for excellent work.
- Record on classcharts when home learning is not completed.

The Student will:

- Listen carefully to home learning instructions.
- Organise time to complete home learning, either at home or at the school study support.
- Ensure that home learning is completed and handed in to meet the deadline.
- Attempt all work and complete it to the best of their ability.
- Speak to the teacher about any home learning difficulties, before the home learning is due.

The Parents/Carer will:

- Support the student in their organisation and agree a time that home learning will be done.
- Help balance clubs and other outside activities so that students do not become pressured.
- Check the amount of time spent on home learning and the presentation so that home learning is a reflection of the student's best efforts.
- Encourage students to attempt all the work or to seek support from the teacher.

The School will:

- Provide a study support programme every afternoon from 3.15 to 4.15pm. This will take place in the Da Vinci computer room and all students are welcome to attend.
- Provide parental and student support in using www.classcharts.com



