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Dear Parent / Carer

Homework

We are making some changes to homework at Hartshill Academy so we have homework that focuses on recall of knowledge. We know that research about memory and learning shows that we learn what we think about. We know that we lose new learning if we don't practice recalling it. We use quizzes, in class and at home, to ensure we develop the retrieval strength of new knowledge.

Homework at Hartshill Academy

- Homework assignments are now set on Microsoft Teams by the class teacher
- We also use subject platforms for completing homework assignments including Sparx Maths, Educake and Language Gym. The assignment on Microsoft Teams will link to the site the pupils need to use for their homework
- All homework is set on Monday morning and is due the following Monday
- The class teacher, the Directors of Learning, the form teacher and SLT will monitor pupil progress.

The homework set for each subject will be:

English	Educake
MFL	Language Gym
Maths	Sparx Maths
Computer Science	Educake
Science	Educake
History	Educake
Geography	Educake
RE	Quizzes on Microsoft Forms
PE	Quizzes on Microsoft Forms
Music	Quizzes on Microsoft Forms
Drama	Quizzes on Microsoft Forms
Art	Quizzes on Microsoft Forms
DT	Quizzes on Microsoft Forms
Food	Quizzes on Microsoft Forms

All pupils should now have their login details for Microsoft Teams and Educake, however, if they are unsure they can check with their Form Tutor. The access details for Sparx and Language Gym will be provided to pupils over the next week. If your child does not have access to a phone, laptop, desktop computer or tablet then please make their Form Tutor aware this week via Weduc. Please encourage your child to engage with homework throughout the week and have supportive conversations about the importance of completing homework.

Years 10 and 11

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 will also have subject specific work which may include:

- Portfolio work
- Exam style written questions
- Exam papers
- Further reading on topics.

We reward and celebrate with all pupils who do complete this homework and develop good routines in preparation for their GCSEs.

If you have any questions or concerns about homework please email dan.showler@midlandat.co.uk

Yours Faithfully,



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