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Dear Parent / Carer

As we start the new academic year, we would like to ensure that students establish good routines for homework and revision and that they complete it with your support, regularly and to the best of their ability.

As you will be aware, homework and revision are important parts of school life. It is crucial to developing core skills such as organisation and independent learning. Aswell as this it helps students to prepare for future content to be covered in lessons and also to consolidate learning which has already taken place in class. Current research around the issue of homework suggests that regular and thorough completion impacts positively on students' work ethic and therefore overall performance.

Homework at Beamont Collegiate Academy:

At the academy, staff will be setting homework electronically on Google Classroom. This may comprise of reading a text or article and answering questions, or be based on revision activities. Year 7 students will be guided on how to use Google Classroom within their ICT lessons over the next week.

As a guide, your child should be spending the following amount of time each week on completing homework and/or revision:

- Key Stage 3 (Years 7 – 9): Four hours per week across all subjects
- Year 10: Five hours per week across all subjects
- Year 11: Five hours per week in term one of year 11, 10 hours in term two and 15 hours of revision per week in term three.

In order to support your child with time and a quiet space to complete their homework and revision there will be a room for each year group on the following days after school where they can work until 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 4.15pm on Fridays. Students can use computers if required and will also have the support of a member of staff who will be able to guide students to establish healthy and effective study habits across all subjects.

Year 7	Wednesday and Thursday in the library
Year 8	Thursday in GR1 and Friday in the library
Year 9	Wednesday in GR1
Year 10	Tuesday in the library
Year 11	Monday in the library



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How you can support your child with homework:

Homework and revision is an area of school life where parents can play an active role in your child's education. It is a good idea to establish good routines at home to support your child when completing homework. Some examples to support this could be:

- Ask your child about their work and have positive conversations about their homework and revision. Get them to read their answers to you and discuss what they have been learning about.
- Arrange for your child to spend a set or agreed amount of time working independently each weekday evening in a quiet room.
- Agree to no electronic games/TV/social media access before their homework or revision is completed or until they have worked for the agreed amount of time.
- Ensure that they do regular revision at home. Quite often, pupils will say that they don't have homework, this is sometimes the case, but often an excuse! If they don't have homework – reading and/or revising is a good way of re-enforcing learning, strengthening long-term memory and embedding good habits/routines. Spacing small chunks of revision during the week is always better than a large amount at the 'last minute' as it aids retention of knowledge.
- Encourage your child to see what they can remember from memory first before using online resources/textbooks/classroom resources. This enables them to see what they have retained and what they need to work on.
- Avoid doing homework late at night.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me at the academy.

Yours faithfully

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