

Year 7 and 8 Learning Letter

Dear students

The key learning focus for Years 7 and 8 in the Summer Term will be homework. Independent study is an important aspect of your education and although many of you regularly complete homework on time there are a number of students who fail to do this.

Students who can learn independently are the most successful and it is important to get into good habits in Key Stage 3. Becoming an independent learner will greatly increase your chances of success in your GCSEs, which will in turn lead to better choices at the end of Year 11.

The easiest way for you to stay on top of your homework is to use your planner effectively. At the beginning of each week record the subjects you have each day. Take your time to carefully write in your homework each time it is set, and also when it is due. If you need help with this, or are unsure what the task is, ask your teacher. It is worth taking time to make sure you know exactly what you have to do otherwise you might not complete the task correctly. Remember that homework needs to be completed to the best of your ability - it's not just a case of getting it out of the way!

It is really important that you ask a parent/carer to sign your planner each week so they also know what you are being asked to do. Don't rely on them though - it is up to you to take ownership of your planner. Make sure you have it with you every day!

The KS3 homework room is available after school every Thursday in the Library. Laptops are available and there will be 6th Form students helping out once their exams have finished. The Library is available after school on other days as well if you need a quiet place where you can complete homework.

I look forward to seeing the progress all Key Stage 3 students have made when we reach Aiming High 6 at the end of the Summer Term. Getting into good homework habits will have a positive effect on levels and Attitude to Learning grades.

Good luck, and remember –

- Fill your subjects in your planner at the beginning of each week.
- Record each piece of homework in detail.
- Fill in the date that it is due.
- Tick off each piece of homework as you complete it (it's a good feeling!).
- Ask if you are unsure!

Best wishes

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