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Dear parent/carer

Homework proposal – to commence 4 November

Towards the end of last academic year our curriculum and assessment team started to look at a whole school approach to homework at the Bulwell Academy. Research into the area suggests that homework has a positive impact on students, particularly in secondary schools where they can be expected to make on average five months of progress when completing homework that is linked to classroom work and for which they receive regular feedback.

Based on this we intend to implement an academy-wide consistent approach to homework. The intended impact of regular homework will be to consolidate learning that has taken place in lessons and develop fluency in all areas.

Studies have also shown that the use of digital technology such as online platforms provide an even greater impact. It is with this in mind, most subjects across the academy will use one of the following platforms:

Seneca Learning

<https://app.senecalearning.com/login>

Sparx

<https://sparx-learning.com/>

Please take a few minutes to familiarise yourself and your child with these platforms. If you have any issues logging on, please contact me on jim.brownlow@bulwellacademy.org.uk.

The proposed timings and hand in days for both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 are shown here.

Key Stage 3 – Year 7, 8 & 9	
Up to 30 minutes per subject Monday is a rotation between the subjects shown.	
Monday	Humanities/MFL/Performance/ADT
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Maths
Thursday	Science



Key Stage 4 – Year 10 & 11	
Up to 60 minutes per subject Monday is a rotation between the subjects shown.	
Monday	Humanities/MFL/Performance/ADT/Vocational
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Maths
Thursday	Science

We appreciate that some pupils may not have a quiet space for learning at home so we would like to support the completion of this by running after school homework clubs - the days of these will be shared once the programme is up and running.

We also understand that IT access can sometimes be difficult so if your child does require support accessing online homework, please contact us.

To encourage engagement in homework we will reward students with '**Bulwell Buck's**' for completion of every piece with further prizes for those who show consistency and quality over a sustained period.

If you would like to look at some of the research that has informed our proposal, please follow the link here <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework>.

We aim to go live with this programme from the first week back after half term which is the week commencing Monday 4 November.

We thank you in advance for your support in driving another important component of the *New Era* at the Bulwell Academy.

Yours sincerely

Jim Brownlow
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