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Dear Parents/Carers

24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Please read the following information about home learning.



Students should expect at KS3 to receive home learning in their Core (English, maths and science) and Ebacc (geography, history and languages) subjects. All subjects may also set home learning which should also be completed. At KS4, all subjects will set home learning assignments. Each subject may offer extra-curricular clubs and also hold competitions and students are strongly encouraged to take part in all opportunities.



Knowledge organisers for KS3 and some KS4 subjects can be found on the school website and under development is access to them in the resources section of the subject Team. Knowledge organisers will support the completion of home learning tasks and in addition students are encouraged to self-quiz using the knowledge organisers to embed the learning of key component knowledge for each subject.



Home learning tasks will be set on School Synergy. Students should also make a note of the home learning details in their planner including task instruction and the due date. Teachers will update the status of the home learning on the due date to inform parents about whether the home learning has been handed in or not. This system is new to both students and staff therefore in these initial stages, development is ongoing.



Home learning tasks may be set using online platforms including but not limited to Century Tech and Seneca. Students will also need to access Microsoft Outlook for emails and Teams to access resources, messages and notices from their teachers.



Students should use their Microsoft log in details to access all platforms. Students should click on "Log in with Microsoft account" before entering their details on each platform. If your child experiences difficulties, write a note in their planner for their form tutor who will arrange for them to seek support from the IT team.



Where students cannot use their own device to log in, where available, a different device should be used at home. Students also have the opportunity to use the school library before and after school most days and for some subjects.



Where paper home learning is set, students are increasingly forgetting or losing the document, finding the document damaged in their bag or leaving the document at home. To support students with their organisation, we recommend using a wallet, preferably plastic, to store their paper home learning to ensure it remains fit for purpose during completion and submission.



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Please find attached the parental guidance document from Century Tech and the following link with information for parents from Seneca - [Make the most out of Seneca -for parents \(loom.com\)](#)



Please support students with home learning organisation by directing them to their notes in their planner and teacher assignments on Synergy.



A reminder that where home learning is not completed on time, a C1 consequence will be given and class teachers may make contact where there is a concern in their subject. Contact will be made weekly where there is a concern regarding the home learning for that week's tasks.



If you have any queries not addressed in this communication, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards



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