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## Homework Focus

Dear Parent or Carer

We are writing to you to explain the new focus for homework at Abbey College.

We know that homework is a vital part of the learning process, and according to research can add 5 months of progress onto students' achievement

(<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework>).

Homework that is linked to classwork tends to be more effective, and therefore at Abbey College homework will be set around the four principles of read, research, recall, repeat, ensuring that all subjects can set tasks that are appropriate to them.

We are also introducing Knowledge and Information Tests (KITs) that will help our students learn the information that they are being taught in class. These will be small, low-stakes questions that are designed to check that students have secured the knowledge so we can identify any areas for improvement.

We have amended our student code of conduct to reflect our renewed focus on homework and therefore students who fail to hand in homework will now be issued with an afterschool detention as a consequence.

We are aware that some pupils may not have a suitable space for home learning, and therefore students will have access to a computer room during lunchtime where they can complete tasks. In addition, we have Sixth Form students who will be on hand to support, alongside staff. Students who have additional needs may also be invited to attend homework club with the SEND team.

As usual, tutors, RSLs and teachers are happy to support where necessary, and all students have been informed of this in assemblies at the start of term.

Yours faithfully



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