

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Re: Updated Homework Policy**

We are writing to inform you about our updated homework policy, which has been designed to make homework meaningful, manageable, and supportive of student learning.

Homework plays a vital role in reinforcing classroom learning, helping students to consolidate new knowledge, develop independent study skills, and take responsibility for their own learning. By regularly practising and revisiting concepts outside the classroom, students can deepen their understanding, identify areas where they need extra support, and build the skills necessary for long-term academic success. Homework also encourages time management, self-discipline, and a sense of achievement, all of which are essential for lifelong learning.

#### Homework Schedule

- **Core Subjects (English, Maths, Science):** Homework set once a week
- **Non-Core Subjects:** Homework set once a fortnight
- **No homework** in core PE lessons
- **All homework** will continue to be recorded on ClassCharts.

#### Types of Homework Tasks

Homework will take one of the following forms to enhance learning:

1. **Application Task:** Applying classroom learning to new problems
2. **Knowledge Recall Task:** Revisiting and recalling previously learned information
3. **Flip and Fetch Task:** Memorising key facts or information

#### Suggested Time Allocation

- **KS3 (Years 7–9):** Approximately 20 minutes per task
- **KS4 (Years 10–11):** Approximately 40 minutes per task

Please see below for our **reward and consequence system**, which resets every half term.

#### Reward system

Your child will receive 3 house points and 3 Embrace the Geek cards (for Year 10 and 11 only) for every homework they complete.



Incidents	Rewards
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single entry raffle to a free breakfast voucher and a skip the lunch queue voucher</li> </ul>
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Double entry raffle to a free breakfast voucher and a skip the lunch queue voucher</li> </ul>
35 +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single entry to an end of year award</li> <li>• Single entry to termly award</li> <li>• Senior Leadership Team contact home</li> <li>• Triple entry raffle to a free breakfast voucher and a skip the lunch queue voucher</li> </ul>

Consequence system

Incidents	Consequence
5	Email home via ClassCharts
10	A20
15	A30
20	H60
25	HOY contact home
30	SLT contact home
	H60
35+	Headteacher contact home
	H60

Please be assured that each time we make contact home, it is with the aim of offering support and helping to remove any barriers that may affect your child's ability to access and complete their homework.

We believe this policy balances support, accountability, and rewards, helping students develop strong study habits and reach their full potential.

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete homework regularly and on time. If you have any questions or your child requires additional support, please contact Tom Fessey at [tfessey@thedeanacademy.org](mailto:tfessey@thedeanacademy.org)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



**Tom Fessey**  
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