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Dear Parent/Guardian

English Homework Expectations, Reading Plus and Bedrock

I am writing regarding accessing English homework and our expectations regarding this.

Reading Plus

At Key Stage 3, all pupils have a one-hour 'Reading Plus' lesson each week. This is different (apart from Year 7) to their normal English lesson and is usually with a different member of staff. In Reading Plus lessons, pupils have an hour to work on their weekly allocation of reading tasks/lessons (five per week). We then expect pupils to continue to work on this at home to ensure that these five lessons are completed.

The site can be accessed on the following site:

<https://student.readingplus.com>

A link has also been posted on each year group's 'Teams' page.

When they login, the site code is: rppenworth

Their username will likely be their first name (with a capital letter) and the first letter of their surname e.g. TommyS

Passwords were all set to qwerty. It does not work well on phones and should be accessed via a laptop, computer or tablet.

Bedrock

Pupils use Bedrock to help boost their vocabulary. They have been issued a username and password by their English class teacher and I have asked all staff to post a list of these on their class's Teams page. This is set exclusively as homework. Pupils are expected to earn 20 points each week but can go beyond this.

Homework Expectations

All homework for English is set on a Monday and is due on the following Monday before school starts. If pupils do not complete homework, they will be set a compulsory English intervention session which will be after school on a Tuesday. Homework will be set on Synergy and may not be removed until a teacher has checked the progress of the class.

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The department is staffed after school throughout the week and pupils may wish to complete work here after school in either our Library or one of our Study Zones. In addition to this, Homework Club runs in LEAP every day at break and lunch and then after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

We appreciate the support of our parents and carers in ensuring that pupils understand the importance of vocabulary and reading development and that by doing their homework, they are enhancing their ability to access all of their subjects, not just English.

Yours faithfully



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