



Wellfield Academy

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Dear Parents

Homework Update

We have recently been discussing with students and teachers the importance of homework in consolidating and extending the learning that has taken place within lessons. At Wellfield Academy we believe that learning is not restricted to the activities and experiences that students have at school and during lessons. Homework gives students the opportunity to work independently and prepare for future lessons, practice examination techniques, or further develop appropriate skills and enhance knowledge.

Our aim is for homework to be structured, meaningful and coherent for all concerned. We have a flexible approach to homework, and we don't enforce a rigid timetable, in order to avoid the risk of homework just being set for the sake of it. The homework that is set will be carefully sequenced into students' learning journeys and, as a result, will be enable students to better access future learning in the classroom.

We will offer variety in the types of homework set, in order to capture different approaches to learning but it will come within the remit of either **Reading, Recall or Revision**. Some subjects may set enrichment activities that they want the students to be aware of but these are optional and will be labelled as **Optional Enrichment**.

Homework set will be recorded on **Classcharts**. A deadline will also be set and an approximate completion time given.

We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to engage with the homework they are set. Please see below the section for parents from our 'homework strategy and guidance' document, which is available on our website, as a reminder of some of the ways you can help your child:

- Regularly monitoring your child's homework log on Classcharts,
- Discussing homework tasks with your child in order to help and encourage them, particularly with the basics of reading, writing, spelling and numeracy (Please ensure that homework is the work of the student and avoid helping with homework to the extent that it is no longer a true reflection of the student's achievement)
- Further support could be given in the form of testing your child's knowledge and recall
- Checking your child's homework when it has been completed – insist on good standards of presentation in diagrams and written work
- Notifying the school of any issues or problems that may prevent the completion of homework before the deadline
- Encouraging your child to review their learning when there is no specific homework task set

If your child feels that they do not have a suitable working space at home to complete homework, or if you require any other additional support, then please contact us at enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org or via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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