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### **KS4 Study Support Programs**

Dear Parent/Carer

We strongly believe that homework and independent learning is an integral part of the learning process for all our students and it is pivotal in ensuring success. Research has shown that 78% of students who complete regular homework achieve at least one grade higher at GCSE than comparable students who do not. (Department of Education, 2014)

It is with this in mind that we have a clear homework policy to ensure that students are provided with appropriate activities that promote and extend learning outside the classroom. All Key stage four students should complete one homework per week for each of their GCSE subjects.

We are aware that occasionally, homework can cause anxiety with some students and families and that defeats the objectives of this policy. We aim to provide as much support as possible and below is our KS3 Study Support Clubs. If issues arise in relation to homework students will be requested to attend either departmental or year group study support.

Attached is a copy of a timetable for additional lunch and afterschool clubs being provided by individual departments. I am sure that we can depend on your continued support as we strive to obtain the best possible results for students.

Yours faithfully



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