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Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached a copy of the homework timetable for Key Stage 3 and 4. There are many key reasons why we feel that homework is imperative to a student's development, but the most important are

- To give pupils experience of working independently
- To raise standards of achievement
- To develop in students a sense of responsibility for, and commitment to their own learning
- To consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning activities
- To develop research skills
- To demonstrate progress and understanding
- To engage parental co-operation and support and create channels for home school dialogue.

Organisation of homework

At Key Stage 3 Core Subjects (namely Maths, English and Science) are to give one piece of homework per week and the day for this is highlighted on the homework timetable. Non-core subjects are to give one piece of homework per fortnight.

At Key Stage 4 the homework allocations are per week for all subjects.

On the reverse of the homework timetable is some information on how Parents and Carers can support their children.

On a separate note, last year I set up a Secondary Phase Directors Surgery on Thursday evenings from 3:30pm to 6:00pm where parents could raise any issues or concerns, this will continue for this academic year. If you would like to make an appointment please contact Mrs Wendy Johnson on 01495 354684 or email on wjohnson@ebbwfawr.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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