



MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL  
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Dear families,

After a considerable amount of time in lockdown in the last year, we have realised how crucial it is to build strong habits and routines at home for learning. Whilst our students have transitioned back into school life very well and are enjoying the opportunity to learn in a face-to-face environment again, we know that strengthening our approach to home learning is essential to make sure that all MHS students regularly spend time consolidating their learning at home and improving their independence and time management skills.

We feel that it is timely to remind students that their home learning is still essential as we head towards our end of year assessments. All of KS3 and Y10 will be working towards assessments in June and their teachers will be setting them tasks to revise and practise the content they have been taught.

To be successful at completing home learning it is vital that students are supported to get into the habit of checking Google classroom each night to see what has been set and when it is to be done for; to find a quiet space at home, to schedule time as a family for when home learning is best done and not to let it build up and become unmanageable. As families, we can support by checking work is being completed and giving reminders about packing school bags the night before so work is not forgotten at home. All of these great habits and routines will ensure our students feel confident in their learning and equipped in follow-up lessons to progress.

There will be an increased insistence on this home learning being completed by all students.

To motivate your child to complete their homework to an excellent standard, staff will use the Attitude to Learning Grade 4 (the best) to reward them. Students meeting homework expectations will receive a grade 3. Students who fall below expectation will be expected to attend a 'Home Learning Catch Up' session after school. This will be used for homework that is incomplete, rushed or not handed in. To support students who find it difficult to organise themselves we do have a Homework Club after school which they will be booked into if we feel that they are not managing a range of work at home.

We will communicate with you which day that your child has been requested to stay behind for a Home Learning Catch Up session via email. The message will state the time the catch up session ends. In most cases this will be until 3.30pm but it may need to be extended to 3.45pm dependent on the demands of the homework and the Key Stage of your child. For example, a Year 10 student may need to stay longer if they have were expected to write an essay for homework.

If your child has completed the homework prior to the catch-up session, we will still require them to stay until the given time to ensure they are safe. We would not want to give you the impression they are with us until 3.30pm when they left unbeknown to you at 3.05pm. They will be given time to do other work or read if their homework is already completed.

We appreciate your support and know that together we can encourage good learning habits and ensure excellent progress for our children.

Best wishes,



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