



Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with regards our updated Homework policy for September 2017. We are constantly monitoring the policies and systems that we use as part of everyday life in the Academy. As a result of this we will be using Classcharts for both our behaviour and homework monitoring going forward.

Having listened to feedback from parents, students and teachers it has been noted that previously we had too many online platforms that parents were required to login to. From other feedback we are aware that Classcharts has been very effective and had a positive impact on behaviour within the academy. We feel that using the homework tool on Classcharts will have the same positive impact. Using Classcharts, we as an Academy and you as parents, will be able to monitor very easily how your child completes homework. Homework can be monitored online or via the app which many of you will already have access to. The behaviour policy that we implemented last year with regards to the awarding of positive and negative points for completing homework will now be even more closely interlinked as all of the information is stored on the one platform.

Very little has changed with regards to the Home Learning Projects this year. Students will be set Home Learning Projects throughout the year by all subjects with the exception of maths who will continue to set homework weekly. This year all KS3 Home Learning Projects will have a feedback sheet in the back. This feedback sheet is part of the new Wayland Academy Norfolk marking policy. This feedback has been implemented in order to try and secure consistency across the projects. The Home Learning Projects will again be based on a two week timetable which can be found on the school website. Teachers will upload an online version of the homework to classcharts.

As before, the KS4 homework policy will remain the same as last year. Each department is expected to set a minimum of one piece of homework per fortnight. However, with some subjects there maybe more homework at certain points especially in subjects that still have Controlled Assessments (coursework). If there is no specific homework set then students will be expected to do independent learning or revision at home. All students have access to Doodle and GCSEPod for additional activities and resources.

If a student does not hand in their homework or it is not completed to an acceptable standard they will be awarded negative points. These homework sanctions will be logged in ClassCharts and could trigger a Behaviour Tracker and or Red Card detention.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding anything discussed in this letter please contact reception who will be able to put you in contact with the person best equipped to handle the query or concern.

Yours faithfully

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