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Headteacher
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Dear Parent

RE: Home Learning in Year 8

At The Cowplain School, we believe that for students to be successful, they must extend their learning beyond the classroom. Home Learning is an important part of this process as it equips students with vital life skills such as personal organisation, time management, and meeting deadlines. It also helps our students to develop the characteristics of independence, resilience, reliability, and self-discipline.

Our Home Learning programme reinforces the skills taught in lessons and encourages students to recall and apply key concepts and information. Each Year 8 student is provided with a **Knowledge Organiser** for every subject where Home Learning is set. A Knowledge Organiser contains the essential information for each topic to support students in learning and retaining key knowledge. Students will receive a paper copy, and electronic versions will also be available. Teachers set Home Learning tasks using the Knowledge Organiser, and this knowledge is then checked in class through a **Knowledge Quiz**.

The minimum expectation for Year 8 is that students spend **2–2½ hours per week** completing Home Learning. This will be set from Monday 15th September.

All Home Learning is set on **ClassCharts**, which both parents and students can access to track tasks and deadlines. Parents can best support by encouraging the use of a quiet study space and contacting subject teachers directly if they have any concerns. To celebrate effort and commitment, we award **Praise Points** and regularly review Home Learning in lessons.

Please note that students are issued with **Home Learning Knowledge Organisers** at the start of the school year. These are clearly labelled and should be kept for use throughout the year. At assessment points, students will also be provided with an **Assessment Knowledge Organiser**, which contains information specific to that assessment. While much of the content is similar, we believe providing both supports our students in achieving their very best.

We hope this structured approach provides clarity for parents and students alike and, most importantly, helps every child at The Cowplain School to succeed.

Yours sincerely

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