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Dear Parent

Headteacher
Mr IR Gates MA NPQH

RE: Home Learning in Year 11

At The Cowplain School, we believe that students are most successful when they extend their learning beyond the classroom. Home Learning plays a vital role in this, helping students to develop essential life skills such as personal organisation, time management, and meeting deadlines. It also builds important personal qualities including resilience, independence, and self-discipline.

Our Home Learning programme is designed to strengthen recall of key concepts and knowledge. Every student receives Knowledge Organisers containing the most important information for each topic. Teachers set tasks based on these Knowledge Organisers to ensure that students practise and secure their understanding of the key content.

For Year 11 students, the minimum expectation is that they complete at least **five hours** of Home Learning each week. This should include both current classwork and the recall of prior knowledge. This approach ensures that students begin revising well in advance of their GCSE examinations in May. This will be set from Monday 15th September.

To support this, we monitor Home Learning carefully. Work is checked either through completion of tasks set by teachers or via the weekly Knowledge Quiz. Students who do not complete their Home Learning will be required to attend **Friday Period 6 (15:00 – 15:40 in Business 1)**. This session is staffed by Miss Carter-Brown, Mrs Cemas and Ms Zambo, and provides students with the opportunity to complete their work in a supportive environment.

All Home Learning is set on **ClassCharts**, which both parents and students can access to track tasks and deadlines. Parents can support by encouraging the use of a quiet study space and by contacting subject teachers directly if they have any concerns. To recognise effort and commitment, the school also awards Praise Points and regularly reviews 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 academic year. At assessment points, students will also be given an **Assessment Knowledge Organiser**, which contains information specific to that assessment. While much of the content overlaps, we believe providing both supports students in achieving their very best.

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

Yours sincerely,

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