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Dear Parent/Carer

As we begin the spring term, we are looking forward to a successful and rewarding year ahead for all of our students and would like to reiterate the important part home learning plays in this. In September 2024, Rachel Garlick, Head of Secondary, wrote to you with the following information about home learning:

- Students should spend 30 - 45 minutes home learning on each subject.
- A variety of tasks will be set by school, including written work, research, revision, project work and preparation for future study.
- Students have a journal this year in which they can record their home learning to ensure they do not forget to do this.
- To make good progress in their learning, it is essential that students complete work to the best of their ability. Please speak with your child about their work and support them in organising themselves to ensure it is handed in on time.
- If students need support with home learning, please encourage them to talk to their subject teacher.
- We value the importance of home learning in consolidating your child's learning but it can become unmanageable for teachers to chase students who are set homework and choose not to do it. If your child fails to complete three consecutive pieces of homework, we will presume you do not wish your child to continue to complete homework and staff will no longer inform you or issue a sanction to your child should they not complete it.
- If you have concerns about homework, you should refer these to the subject teacher in the first instance.

At Appleton Academy, we believe that consistent and timely completion of home learning plays a key role in your child's academic development. It helps to reinforce learning they have undertaken in the classroom and encourages independent study skills that will benefit them in the future. We are committed to supporting our students in managing their time effectively and completing their tasks to the best of their ability.

To help keep you informed about your child's home learning assignments, we have added a home learning schedule to each year group page on our website. The year group pages can be found by clicking on the 'Secondary' section of the Appleton website homepage: <https://appletonacademy.co.uk/secondary>. The schedule will allow you to track what is expected and ensure that your child is on target to complete work. You will also find other important letters and pieces of information that will support you and your child in these sections of the website and we would encourage you to check these regularly.

We kindly ask that you continue to support your child in managing their schedule and encourage them to reach out to teachers if they need any additional help. Some of the work we set for students to do at home uses online platforms such as SparxMaths and GCSEPod (which also contains KS3 assignments despite the platform name). Your child may need to speak to their class teacher if they require a password reset or similar.

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Your involvement in and encouragement of your child's home learning is invaluable, and together we can help them achieve their full potential. We would like to thank you for your continuing support with this. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing info@appletonacademy.co.uk in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Wraith".

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