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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Homework at Phoenix Collegiate

We believe that homework is about much more than completing additional work. When it is purposeful and well designed, it helps students to build independence, organisation, resilience and self-discipline—habits that will support them throughout their education and beyond.

Our new approach aims to make homework purposeful, manageable and consistent across subjects. Homework will be used to help students revise, retrieve, consolidate and build upon their learning in lessons. Students will also have access to support in school, including the library and homework clubs, where needed. All homework will now be set on Class Charts.

As a guide, the frequency of homework for each Key Stage is detailed below:

· KS3 (Year 7,8 &9): English, Maths and Science should set 30-60 minutes worth of homework a week, non- core subjects should set homework twice a month if they have more than one lesson a week and monthly if they have one lesson a week or less.

· KS4 (Year 10 and 11): all subjects should set 30-90 minutes worth of homework a week. Please note: 90 minutes of homework will be used infrequently for past exam papers and subjects which have a large coursework component or practical exams.

· KS5 (Year 12 and 13): all subjects should set 60-120 minutes worth of homework a week

A homework timetable will be added to Class Charts shortly for your child's year group.

How can parents and carers help?

Your support is extremely valuable. Please make a regular habit of checking Class Charts so that you know what homework your child has been set and when it is due. Class Charts will provide you with an overview of your child's homework, including completion and non-completion. Your Class Charts login details have been emailed to you separately and a parent guide has also been included with this communication.

You do not need to teach or complete homework with your child. Your role is simply to encourage positive routines, help them manage deadlines and communicate with us if there are any difficulties or barriers to completing the work.

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We also want to recognise students who engage positively with homework. Students who complete homework to the expected standard will receive achievement points, with further rewards for exceptional and consistent work.

We recognise that, occasionally, students may find it difficult to complete a piece of homework. We would encourage your child to discuss any concerns or issues they have with their class teacher, form tutor or Head of Year as appropriate. Students who persistently struggle to complete homework will be supported to overcome barriers and develop positive homework habits.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can help our students develop the independence, confidence and scholarly habits they need to succeed.

Yours faithfully,

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