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Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to continue to improve the quality and consistency of homework, Lealands High School has continued their subscription to the award winning software 'Show My Homework'.

Homework will be recorded by teachers on 'Show My Homework', a website which can be accessed by both students and parents alike via the school website, by clicking on the 'Show My Homework' logo or by using the link below. This website allows students and parents to keep track of what homework has been set, how much time is expected to be spent on that homework and the deadline for submission. Students and parents have their own logins for 'Show My Homework' which will enable them to view their individual timetable.

In addition to Show My Homework and new for the 2017-2018 school year, we are pleased to inform you that each department will list all set homework for the full year ahead. This will be available on our homework page, which is on our school website.

If your child does not have access to the internet at home they can use the Learning Resource Centre computers before or after school, or at break and lunch, to print off their homework. They could also attend an after school homework club to complete all homework before leaving school. Homework club runs from 3.10 - 4.00pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in our Learning Resource Centre. We believe that this is an excellent opportunity for your child to get some homework completed before leaving school as well as to receive support or clarification with any aspect of homework in which he/she may be having difficulty. The staff members running the Homework Club are knowledgeable about the content being taught in the classes as well as the teacher's expectations of particular homework and assignments. We strongly encourage your support in having your son/daughter attend on a regular basis if he/she is having a difficult time getting homework completed or is confused about a particular subject or assignment.

Your support as parents/carers is absolutely essential and we ask you most sincerely to take an interest in the standard and presentation of the work submitted.

In Key Stage 3, homework normally occupies at least one to one and a half hours each evening, increasing to two hours in Key Stage 4. If your child is usually spending far more time than this or far less, please draw this matter to my attention.

How can you help your child with homework?

The table attached gives an indication of how you can help.



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Type of homework	What your child does...	...and what you could do with your child
Learning	The job is to remember certain words, facts, details or rules.	Act as question master/mistress or a tester.
Completing	Work already started in school is to be finished at home.	Look at the whole piece of work and perhaps make useful comments. Ask what the whole task is about.
Writing up	Your child will use homework time to write about work done in school or write a finished version of rough work done in school.	Again, look at the whole piece or, even better, talk about it briefly first, to get the work clearly ingrained in your child's mind and jog his/her memory.
Questions	A matter of answering questions after a lesson's work.	Check the answers. Do they give the exact information wanted in the questions?
Finding out	Searching for information on a given subject. Part of this homework might be done in the school library/resource centre in the student's own time.	Don't do too much for them here but encourage and help when they are stuck. It is obviously better to suggest where they might find the information than find it for them.
Revision	Quite simply a matter of re-visiting a section of work for a test or an examination.	Get your child to explain the work to you. You ask the questions once they are ready. You can even 'mark' the answers if you like.
Reading ahead	Reading on ahead in a text book to get some ideas of what work is to come - and be ready for it.	Be aware of what they are doing in the subject at the moment; be interested in what he/she has found out.
Rough work	Here the students are asked to prepare for a future lesson by jotting ideas or information in draft form.	Suggest a starting point perhaps. Once finished, ask them to read the work to you. Even if it is in draft form, the rules of spelling and punctuation still apply.

If you have any questions please contact Amanda Bonnard (PA to senior leaders) or myself at the school and we will be happy to assist your further.

Yours sincerely,



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