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Dear Parent/Carer

Following a review of the research and evidence behind what makes effective homework, Lealands has relaunched homework as a component of our Extended Learning offer. Extended Learning is the name we have given to any work that is completed outside of the classroom and we firmly believe that this is an important part of our students' curriculum. All extended learning, whether set by a classroom teacher or undertaken by the student independently, contributes to an individual's progress and attainment.

The research and evidence indicates a very strong correlation between the amount and type of extended learning completed and the impact this has on a student's overall attainment. Lealands' extended learning activities are therefore designed to allow the practice and consolidation of the skills and knowledge covered in class. This enables students to embed key subject knowledge in their long term memory through the use of effective learning strategies, such as spacing, retrieval and interleaving.

To support your child with their extended learning tasks we would encourage you to check your child's tasks on Epraise and the schedules published on the school's website. Please provide a suitable environment and resources in which extended learning can be completed and continually reinforce and discuss the importance of extended learning with your child.

Students in Key Stage 3 are set tasks on a daily basis, with the expectation they are completed on the same day. This encourages the development of a set routine and allows you as a parent to check they have completed all of the allocated tasks against the schedule on the school website.

Students in Key Stage 4 will also be set tasks on a daily basis and are encouraged to complete them on the set day. However, on occasions, it might be necessary for students to complete other pieces of extended learning and defer some to the next day.

We will be continually developing the Extended Learning section of the school website to support both you and your child, so please continue to check this on a regular basis for any updates and advice.

Thank you for your support in advance with the implementation and monitoring of your child's extended learning. If you require any further clarification please refer to our website, or contact myself to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

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