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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Equipment and Organisation Expectation

As we approach the end of Term 2 we would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents / carers of the academy's homework and equipment expectations.

Homework

At The Farnley Academy, Key Stage 3 students (Year 7 & 8) are set homework every week for core subjects and on a rotation for all other subjects. Each piece should take the student 30 minutes. In Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11) students are set homework in every subject every week. Each piece should take the student 1 hour.

All homework is to be completed in the exercise book. Any resources are printed on blue paper and neatly glued in. If printing is not required, a blue homework stamp is required to clearly denote the work.

Students will be sanctioned with a negative comment each time a homework deadline is missed. If a child receives 3 negative comments in a subject in a half term, they will receive an afterschool detention. Alongside this, if a child misses 2 homework deadlines across all subjects, they are directed to attend an afterschool homework session, held by their Academic Progress Leader every Friday afterschool.

Students must be organised and ensure they complete and hand in each piece of personalised homework set by their subject teachers. Students can receive support in completing homework, if they cannot at home they can by visiting the Library at break and lunch times and attend voluntary homework club afterschool each week.

The importance of completing homework cannot be stressed enough. Homework reinforces skills, concepts and information learned in lessons. Alongside, encouraging students to take initiative and responsibility for completing a task. Homework allows parents to have an active role in their child's education and helps them to evaluate their child's progress.

Equipment

Our equipment expectations this academic year included the below.

- 2 x Black Pens
- 2 x Pencils
- 1 x Purple Pen (Pink is not permitted)

- 1 x Green Pen (Dark green only)
- 1 x Ruler
- 1 x Rubber
- 1 x Black Non-permanent Whiteboard Pen
- 1 x Scientific Calculator (Required: Casio FX-83GTPLUS / FX-85GTPLUS)
- 1 x Reading book for years 7 to 10

Also included in our mandatory equipment list:

- 1 Glue Stick
- 1 English Dictionary (Required: Collins Pocket School Dictionary)
- 1 MFL Dictionary (Required: Collins Pocket School Dictionary)
- Zip lock bag
- Student Lanyard

Please support your child in ensuring students arrive to school with all the correct equipment, if they do not, students will be sanctioned with a negative comment per item each day. By supporting pupil's organisation, this can dramatically reduce the amount of negative sanctions that a child will receive. This is embedded in The Farnley Academy Behaviour policy found in the student's planner and on the school's website. Equipment can be purchased and paid for via the academy's student reception. For any families needing support in costs in purchasing equipment, please complete a Supporting Achievement application form, located on our website.

Thank you for supporting our high expectations and equipment policy. If you have any questions or concerns about our return to school, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Form Tutor or Behaviour Manager.

Yours faithfully

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