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### **UPDATE FOR PARENTS/CARERS ON HOMEWORK AND GOLDEN TIME**

I am writing to parents and carers today following some changes we have made to our approach to home learning and how this will impact Golden Time from next week (week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February). We have met with pupils today during assembly to inform them and you will also be aware of these changes if you attended our Supporting Success Evening on Tuesday evening.

At Nuneaton Academy, we believe it is important that pupils take their home learning seriously. It will be no surprise that there is clear evidence to suggest that pupils who consistently complete homework make great progress during their time at school.

#### **Year 7-9**

**From today, pupils in Year 7-9 will receive three pieces of homework they are required to complete each week. All homework will be set centrally on the Nuneaton Academy App (powered by Weduc) on a Friday and will need to be completed by the following Thursday at 8.30am. All links will be available on the app to the relevant websites for your child to complete their homework or alternatively you can see them below:**

**Reading-** Reading plus <https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login>

**Maths** – Hegarty Maths <https://hegartymaths.com/>

**Science** – Educake <https://www.educake.co.uk/>

#### **Changes to Golden Time**

Pupils who complete the above homework will receive GOLDEN TIME on a FRIDAY, where they will be able to leave site at 2.30pm. Those pupils who do not complete their homework on time are required to stay behind to complete their homework until 3.15pm. We are placing the utmost importance on this aspect of our work and as a result, this is the only requirement for pupils to achieve Golden Time from next week.

#### **Year 10**

Homework is set in the same way for pupils in Year 10, but set across all subjects and monitored by their individual subject teachers. If pupils in Year 10 do not complete homework, they will also be required to stay on a Friday until 3.15pm to complete anything they have not completed.

#### **Year 11**

Due to the upcoming changes to the timing of the school day for Year 11, all pupils in Year 11 will receive Golden Time from next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Homework Club**

In order to support pupils to complete homework, homework club runs Monday-Thursday from 3-4pm in our library, where pupils will have access to a computer and additional adults to support them to complete their homework.

#### **Resetting Passwords**

You can send a request to the following link to reset any of the passwords needed above: [CLICK HERE FOR PASSWORD RESET](#)

### **Additional Home Learning Sessions**

At Nuneaton Academy, we have a package of support for pupils, which are either CATCH-UP or CHALLENGE sessions.

### **Challenge Sessions**

These sessions take place online via TEAMS and available to all pupils in the year group. This invite will be sent centrally to the year group, as well as the staff member delivering the session.

### **What is delivered during these sessions?**

Delivery should be aimed at pupils looking to enhance their learning of the curriculum. The over-arching principle of delivery is built around improving pupils' autonomy in their learning. Sessions aim to deepen levels of understanding to underpin pupils' thinking, promoting working at greater depth of the Nuneaton Academy Curriculum.

Staff delivering these sessions will provide pupils with opportunities to extend their learning, share subject specific reading and set tasks for pupils which are in line with the principles set out above. This could be in the form of extended writing, research or responding to key questions that are designed for them to consider wider and deeper concepts of the curriculum.

### **Catch-Up Sessions**

These sessions take place online via TEAMS and available to all pupils in the year group. This invite will be sent centrally to the year group, as well as the staff member delivering the session.

### **What is delivered during these sessions?**

These sessions are designed to offer pupils additional sessions in areas of the curriculum which may need revisiting. For example, pupils may not have grasped aspects of the curriculum that have been taught remotely over the past two years, and this is an opportunity for staff to re-deliver these aspects of the curriculum. Any pupil can attend these sessions. All sessions will be available by going to your child's calendar on their TEAMS area. Visit our website by clicking [HERE](#) for more information.

### **RESETTING PASSWORDS**

If you need to reset your password for TEAMS in order to access these events, click this link: [CLICK HERE FOR PASSWORD RESET](#)

We look forward to seeing the impact of this change on the homework that pupils complete and also look forward to seeing pupils virtually at the sessions outlined above. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at Nuneaton Academy.

Yours sincerely

Lara Hall  
Principal