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Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back after, what I hope has been, a wonderful summer. Year 8 will be a very exciting time for your son as he works towards selecting his GCSE options. With this in mind, it is crucial that our pupils start the year by demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning and ensuring that they engross themselves in the wider aspects of school life.

Learning outside of the classroom is key to progress in every stage of the educational experience. Homework is a crucial in developing independent study skills required for success in public examinations and Higher Education. It enables pupils to deepen their subject knowledge and identify areas in which they may require more support or clarification from teaching staff.

Homework also forms an important part of our assessment process at Bury Grammar School and allows teachers and form tutors to monitor progress. Assessing independent work provides opportunities for teachers to recognise and reward the outstanding work and effort that our pupils are so committed to producing in the pursuit of excellence.

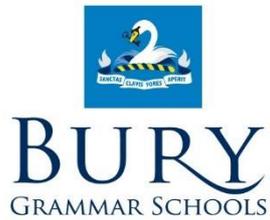
We would ask for your support in ensuring that your son has a quiet place to work, free from distraction and is recording and completing his homework to a high standard and to deadlines. Our teaching staff will set regular, meaningful homework in line with school policy and pupils can expect regular feedback identifying areas for improvement and highlighting key achievements.

Boys in Year 8 should expect to receive two or three pieces of homework each day as per the homework timetable. Boys may also receive additional pieces of work if they are required to complete work, improve work or do extended studying. Boys should be spending approximately 25-35 minutes on each piece of homework given. Homework must be recorded in the homework planner provided at the start of the term and teaching staff will also record the homework on our online homework system 'Show My Homework'. Further details about Show My Homework will be sent to you separately. The homework planner plays a major part in the home-school partnership and we ask that parents of Year 8 pupils sign the planner on a weekly basis and this will be checked by Form Tutors. Pupils are encouraged to seek advice from teaching staff should they require any support with homework or subject matters. Failure to hand in high quality work, on time will not only result in sanctions or formal interventions but more importantly will impede the chances of success.

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If you have any concerns or questions about your son's homework, academic progress or welfare, please contact your son's Form Tutor. The Form Tutor should be your first point of contact, but if your concern is of a more serious nature, please contact me as Head of Year. The contact details for the Year 8 Form Tutors are as follows:

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Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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