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Dear parent/carers

**Re: Home Learning Policy**

As part of our continuing commitment to inspire excellence and promote scholarship at The Dukeries Academy, we inform you of our Home Learning Policy. We believe that Home Learning plays a central role in enabling students to progress and build on their learning within the Academy. Research by the EEF (2020) states that Home Learning positively impacts student progress by an average of 5 months, particularly with students in secondary schools. As an Academy, we work hard to make sure that students receive high-quality Home Learning opportunities that are manageable and motivating.

Teachers will provide Home Learning opportunities at the point of maximum impact on student learning within a learning cycle. As part of this, teachers will communicate Home Learning through ClassCharts to ensure both students and parents receive notifications to complete Home Learning tasks promptly.

Parents, please contact the Academy if you do not have a Classcharts login and ensure you have access to ClassCharts, either online or via the app. The links are as follows:

**Website:** <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login#>

**Android App:** <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.classcharts.android>

**Apple App:** <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/classcharts-parents/id1018655566?ls=1>

Feedback on Home Learning is delivered in various ways, for example, instant feedback through online platforms or self and peer assessment opportunities using a green pen. Where appropriate, the teacher may give individual comments or whole class feedback.

Home Learning tasks are set as either a "Memorise" or an "Apply" task. This approach is detailed below.

**Home Learning task at TDA**



**Memorise  
Home Learning**

- Memory-recall activities
- Online quizzing
- Skills rehearsal
- Short answer testing / MCQs
- Knowledge organisers
- Links to classroom learning

**Apply  
Home Learning**

- Extended responses
- Exam style questions
- Online testing
- Flipped Learning
- Research
- Practical skills



A "**Memorise**" task will involve students learning the powerful knowledge within their curriculum and may link to Knowledge Organisers or Challenge grids. Teachers may opt to use quizzes, use online platforms such as HegartyMaths and Seneca, short sets of knowledge questions or memory recall activities for this purpose.

An "**Apply**" task will involve students applying their skills in more extended Home Learning tasks, such as an exam question or extended response requiring them to use their knowledge and skills.

We would ask parents/carers to ensure their child has a suitable environment to undertake Home Learning, support our philosophy of the importance of Home Learning, and encourage and praise your child for completing the tasks. Don't hesitate to contact your son/daughter's SPL if you feel reasonable

adjustments are required for your child. Equally, we would remind our students to ask for help if it is unclear what they have to do and approach their Home Learning with effort, diligence, and pride.

Ultimately, we want Home Learning to be a positive, enriching experience that promotes scholarship and a love for learning. Students who successfully and consistently complete Home Learning tasks to the highest standard will be rewarded with 'Excellent Home Learning' points on Class Charts.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support with Home Learning. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Academy.

Kind regards

Mr Joseph Morrin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Morrin', written in a cursive style.

Lead Practitioner