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Homework and Independent Learning

I hope this letter finds you well, and that your child has settled into their new classes.

As we begin a new academic year, I wanted to take some time to remind parents of the value that home learning has. It's an essential part of secondary education which gives learners the opportunity to consolidate their understanding, develop critical thinking skills, and build discipline. More importantly, completing homework fosters independent learning — an invaluable life skill that helps students become self-motivated and responsible young adults.

Your involvement in your child's education is crucial to their success. We place a huge emphasis on the importance of the partnership between home and school. Your support in ensuring that homework is completed on time and to a high standard is greatly appreciated. By supporting your child with a routine for their home learning, offering guidance and showing interest in their schoolwork, you reinforce the importance of education and create a positive set of expectations that will enable your child to flourish and succeed.

To support you in this, we are pleased to announce that from 30th September, all homework set will be communicated via Edulink. This change will allow you to easily access all assigned homework in one place, ensuring greater clarity and allowing you to fully support your child. You will be able to monitor deadlines, check tasks, and stay informed on your child's home learning progress in real time. We believe this move will further strengthen the partnership between school and parents or carers, making it easier for everyone to work together to promote the best outcomes for all Clyst Vale students.

If you are not able to access Edulink for any reason, please in the first instance contact Mrs Grant in student services at grantp@clystvale.org

In addition, I would like to remind parents that our homework club runs every lunchtime and Monday to Thursday after school in IT2. Homework club is a supported environment in which students can access adult support with their work, complete tasks in a calm, quiet environment and use school computers and other equipment to enhance their learning. Homework club is available for learners from all year groups and runs from 1.30pm until 2.00pm each lunchtime and from 3.30pm until 4.45pm each evening except for Friday.

We will be collecting parent views on their child's educational experience, including their experience of homework, at various points throughout this year. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact your child's Tutor or Head of Year in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



Miss Lisa Martin
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