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Dear Parents,

One of our priorities for this year is to improve our approach to home learning and ensure that all our students are given the support they need to achieve well and develop positive independent learning skills that will help them with later life beyond their time at school. This is particularly important following a period of school disruption caused by Covid and we recognise that home learning is a key part of not only normalising school but helping our young people to engage with our curriculum and extend their knowledge and understanding.

All of our faculties have re-written their home learning policies which can be accessed via our website at: <https://www.teignmouthsecondary.co.uk/curriculum/home-learning/>

These outline the types of home learning that your children may be set along with the frequency that they can expect home learning and how they will receive feedback.

As a school we have made a commitment that all home learning will be recorded on Class Charts which is accessible for students and parents to see. You will find that some faculties use alternative platforms for some home learning such as 'Google Classrooms'. Where this is the case the work will still be signposted on Class Charts so that everything is accessible from one place. A parent guide to using Class Charts can also be found on the website.

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We are asking all of our teachers to record home learning completion via Class Charts so you will also be able to monitor whether your child has submitted their work and we will be using this information to be able to support and challenge students to do their best. Each half term we will be recognising those students who receive the most positive home learning points for completing work and we will be sending them a celebration letter and placing them into a prize draw. Where students do not meet our expected standard for completing home learning we will be communicating with you and looking at how we can support them to overcome any barriers they may be experiencing.

All of our faculty areas now provide a weekly home learning drop in session which students can attend to receive advice and help on completing their home learning. These take place during lunchtimes and after school. Please see the timetable below for when you can attend. The sessions are staffed by subject specialists and are available to students in all years. For any students needing a quiet space to work or access to computers the library is also open Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. Students are more than welcome to attend this for additional support.

We recognise that parents play a significant role in supporting their children with home learning and we appreciate all that you are already doing to encourage and motivate your children. We have now developed a new section of the website with help and guidance particularly aimed at parents who

would like some ideas on how they can support their child with home learning. This can be accessed via: <https://www.teignmouthsecondary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Top-Tips-for-parents.jpg>

If you would like to discuss your child's home learning, please do contact their subject teacher in the first instance. All email addresses can be found on our website <https://www.teignmouthsecondary.co.uk/general-information/staff-list/> or don't hesitate to get in touch via: [samantha.atkinson@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk](mailto:samantha.atkinson@teignmouth.devon.sch.uk)

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