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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Subject: Full Homework Launch - November 2025

As we approach the end of the first half term, I would like to signpost the full launch of the homework calendar in November. We have had considerable success with our soft launch, where we trialled the calendar and setting homework on several different platforms.

### Homework Calendar - all year groups

WEEK	DAY	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
WEEK 1	MONDAY	English & Drama	English & Drama	English & Option 1	English	Option 1
WEEK 1	TUESDAY	Maths & RE	Maths & RE	Maths & RE	Maths	Option 2
WEEK 1	WEDNESDAY	Science	Science	Science	Science	Option 3
WEEK 1	THURSDAY	Geography & Art	Geography & Art	Geography	Directed Reading / Independent revision	Option 4
WEEK 1	FRIDAY	Technology	Technology	Option 2	Directed Reading / Independent revision	Directed Reading / Independent revision
WEEK 2	MONDAY	English	English	English & Option 3	Option 1	English
WEEK 2	TUESDAY	Maths & PSHE	Maths & PSHE	Maths	Option 2	Maths
WEEK 2	WEDNESDAY	Science & Music	Science & Music	Science & Option 4	Option 3	Science
WEEK 2	THURSDAY	History & ICT	History & ICT	History	Directed Reading / Independent revision	Directed Reading / Independent revision
WEEK 2	FRIDAY	MFL	MFL	MFL	Directed Reading / Independent revision	Directed Reading / Independent revision
Homework time		20-30 minutes per homework	20-30 minutes per homework	20-30 minutes per homework	30-40 minutes per homework	30-40 minutes per homework

Our homework calendar is designed to support parents in guiding home learning. The calendar helps to structure recommended times when students should complete homework assignments, without creating the burden of multiple homework deadlines. Homework activities may be assigned on platforms before the recommended day on the calendar.

Staff have been asked to set meaningful homework that should take:

- Up to 30 minutes for Y7, Y8 and Y9 students
- Up to 40 minutes for Y10 and Y11 students.

Students should not spend more than the suggested times above on an individual homework assignment. If they do so, please ask them to inform the teacher of that subject.

As stated in our previous letter regarding homework, we believe meaningful independent study is the cornerstone of success. It is the primary way for students to take ownership of their learning. The purpose of our homework is to:



- **Recall & Consolidate:** Embed crucial knowledge required for terminal exams.
- **Apply & Practice:** Hone practice and apply understanding to new problems.
- **Extend & Revise:** Address gaps in learning, revise topics, and prepare for upcoming lessons.

The school has a range of different platforms where homework is set. These include *Google Classroom*, *Seneca Learning platform*, *Complete Maths / Maths Watch*, and *Language Nut* (for MFL subjects). To ensure students know where to access their homework, staff will ask students to note the *homework*, the *platform*, and the *deadline* in their school diary.

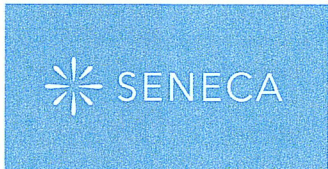
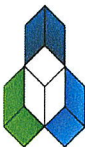

As with any new initiative, there may be teething problems whilst students and parents become accustomed to different platforms. Should your child encounter any problems with a particular homework activity, please ask them to speak directly with their subject teacher.

Thank you for your unwavering support with the completion of home learning activities.

Yours sincerely,

*R. Skelton*

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Headteacher

	 <b>Complete Mathematics</b>	 Google Classroom
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