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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following our review of Key Stage 3 (years 7 to 9), we have decided to introduce a new kind of homework project which will focus on a specific subject or look at a cross subject topic. The projects will form a part of the homework set from the beginning of this academic year. Some subjects begin GCSE work in year 9 and so this year will have less projects over that academic period. Over the year, your child will be set one homework in each of the subjects they study in years 7 and 8. The project will last between 4 and 6 weeks and will be for them to complete at home over this period. They will of course receive support and we would encourage you to also support these. The project homeworks form a part of a strategy to help develop students' independent learning skills in preparation for Key Stage 4 (years 10 and 11), Key Stage 5 (years 12 and 13) and future life. Students will be expected to research topics and report back on their research. Each project aims to extend learning in the particular area.

Your child has been given sheets to put in to their homework diary outlining projects subjects, title and date when it will be set. This will help them and you to plan ahead for their homework. If your child has not received this sheet, please inform your child's tutor or myself, if you have any questions please contact me at school. Thank you for your support for this initiative.

Over the next school year we are planning to introduce Enrichment Days. The set up for these will be similar to the PSHE days we already run. All students will receive this enrichment for one day per term, the first being on October 3rd, where educational experiences to extend and enrich their learning will be delivered. These days will be run by curriculum areas and based around a specific subject area. Unless you are otherwise informed, these days will be run over normal school times and delivered on the school site.

Yours Faithfully,

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