

Dear parents and guardians,

As we are starting a new academic year at SBUA we would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our new homework policy.

There has been much academic research into the value of homework with contradictory findings, however, a strong correlation has been found between homework and student performance in secondary schools. As a result, we at SBUA believe that homework "should not be treated as an optional extra, but as an essential part of a good education". Homework will let students consolidate work covered in class, it creates an opportunity to complete independent study and allows them to take responsibility and ownership of their learning. Homework that enhances learning and develops student's study skills is as much an integral part of our curriculum as the day-to-day lessons.

The establishment of a routine will allow homework to have the most positive impact on student learning. To help students create this routine we will roll out a homework timetable, which will take effect from Monday 27th September. This timetable can be found attached to this letter.

Parents and guardians are the key to making homework a positive experience, which is why we ask for your support in motivating the students to complete all their homework tasks. We do realise not all homework is done at home; in fact, for some students who find it hard to work at home, or for some tasks which may require resources (books, software, equipment) more readily available at school, it may be necessary or desirable to carry out the task at school. That is why at SBUA will run after-school homework clubs from Monday to Thursday between 4pm and 5pm

We would like to thank you for your support. We will be explaining the renewed emphasis on homework to students in assemblies and tutor time this week.

If you have any questions about homework, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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