

# Oakbank School



September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Re: Home Learning

Educational research has established that home learning at secondary school has a positive effect on learning and pupils' progress. At Oakbank School we believe that home learning is an integral part of your son/daughter's education.

- It is crucial for developing their ability to work independently, it reinforces and consolidate what they have learnt in class and allows them to learn how to work through challenging things on their own.
- It gives them an opportunity to engage in self-regulation by them learning to prevent distractions, use strategies to complete work independently, manage their time, set goals and self-reflect on their own performance.
- Gives opportunities to practise and develop skills.

For these reasons we will be restarting home learning across the school from next **Wednesday 23 September**.

Below is a table showing the home learning allocation for each year group. For example, Year 7 will receive a maximum of 3 home learnings a night. Each of these home learnings are designed to take no more than 20 minutes in length. So a maximum of 1 hr in total of home learning an evening. Years 8 and 9 have slightly longer at 30 minutes, with a total of 90 minutes of home learning each evening.

| Year Group | Weekly total     | Each home learning task is designed to take no longer than |
|------------|------------------|--|
| 7          | 5 hrs per week   | 20 minutes   |
| 8          | 7.5 hrs per week | 30 Minutes   |
| 9          | 7.5 hrs per week | 30 Minutes   |
| 10 and 11  | 10 hrs           | 40 minutes   |

All home learning will be set via *Classcharts*. However, on occasions the department may feel that home learning will not be a valuable addition to the lesson. On these occasions the class teacher will write 'None Set' on *Classcharts* for your information. We suggest the time is spent enjoying their current reading book.

New Log In codes will be provided to Year 7 and all other year groups will use the same log in details that they used last year.

We value the time of our students and their families and understand that good planning and organisation is important for academic success and wellbeing. Therefore, with this in mind no subject will set home learning due in the next day, this includes a weekend. For example, work set on a Friday will not be expected in on the next working day i.e. Monday.

All students have received a notebook/planner to record any details and explanations that the staff will give in class regarding the home learning. We encourage the students to make good notes in order to understand their task and to ask any questions of the teacher if they are unsure as to what to do.

I have attached the Oakbank Home Learning Guidance for Parents. On here you will find further details and guidance on how you as parents could support your son/daughter with their home learning.

The school website also contains excellent Home Learning Links and the log in details that will be needed to access these websites

If you have any questions, please do feel free to contact me or the appropriate Head of Year.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Bertrand

Mrs A Kemp

Head Teacher

Assistant Head