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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Student Homework

I am writing to you to outline the expectations here at Oasis Academy Don Valley, regarding the homework that is set for our students and to ask for your support in ensuring that they complete this on a regular basis.

Homework is very important as it helps to improve students' knowledge and reinforces the relevance of what is being taught in class. It also supports students when they are preparing for upcoming assessments, which help to improve their overall academic achievement.

Homework also provides the opportunity to enrich students learning by offering the chance for them to explore independently. Used effectively it means that students can discover new concepts beyond classroom time.

Deadlines can also have a positive effect on the future development of students. Not only do they encourage students to use their time wisely, they promote self-discipline and good habits that will be great for later life and supports positive study skills. It also encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning.

It strengthens the connection between the Academy and home too. We hope that homework will encourage our parents/carers to get involved with their child's learning, as encouragement from parents will help to spark your child's enthusiasm too!

Students should be completing 30 minutes of Reading at least 3 times a week this will be monitored by their advisory teachers and there is a section in your child's planner, which should be signed by you to say it has been done. This is in addition to any other homework that may be set in student planners.

Alongside reading, your child should be revising from their 100% book every night. This contains all the key knowledge your child needs to be successful in the subjects that they are currently studying this half term. Each night, you can support your child by quizzing them on the section they have been learning. All your child needs to do is memorise the knowledge contained in the pages in their 100% book. There are instructions in the front of the 100% book to support you in how to use this.

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GCSE courses have changed to focus on the retrieval of knowledge, which means students need to know specific dates, key words and formula. By learning the key facts from as early as Year 7 the knowledge is becoming part of your child's long-term memory, which will support them in reaching their potential in exams. The knowledge organisers contain core knowledge, which is essential for progress in each subject area.

Each time homework has been completed from your child's 100% book you and your child should complete the study tracker at the front of the 100% book. This helps to inform advisory teachers that this learning has taken place. Advisory teachers will check knowledge organisers and planners every Monday afternoon in Advisory time to ensure that students are completing both homework and 100% book revision.

A homework timetable is printed on the front of their 100% book, which sets out the subjects they should focus on each evening. They should spend 20 minutes revising each subject.

This approach will allow your child to make the very best of their study time at home and it will equip them with the study skills and knowledge they need to be successful in their future careers at Oasis Academy Don Valley.

Below is an example of the study tracker in your child's 100% Book that should be completed each week.

**Example**

	Subject	Subject	Student Signature	Parent/Carer Signature
Monday	English ✓	Art ✓	signature	signature
Tuesday	Maths ✓	PE ✓	signature	signature
Wednesday	Science ✓	Technology ✓	signature	signature
Thursday	History ✓	Ethics ✓	signature	signature
Friday	Geography ✓	German ✓	signature	signature

**Week 1**

Week starting 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Subject 1	Subject 2	Student Signature	Parent/Carer Signature
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday	Induction			
Friday				

**Week 2**

Week starting 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Subject	Subject	Student Signature	Parent/Carer Signature
Monday	English			
Tuesday	Maths			
Wednesday	Science			
Thursday	History			
Friday	Geography			

**Week 3**

Week starting 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Subject	Subject	Student Signature	Parent/Carer Signature
Monday	Art			
Tuesday	PE			
Wednesday	Technology			
Thursday	Ethics			
Friday	German			

**Week 4**

Week starting 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Subject 1	Subject 2	Student Signature	Parent/Carer Signature
Monday	English	History		
Tuesday	Maths	Science		
Wednesday	German	Geography		
Thursday	Technology	Art		
Friday	Ethics	PE		

**Week 5**

Week starting 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Subject	Subject	Student Signature	Parent/Carer Signature
Monday	Science	Art		
Tuesday	History	Geography		
Wednesday	English	Technology		
Thursday	Maths	PE		
Friday	Ethics	German		

It is imperative that students use these 100% books to enable them to build on this knowledge within lessons as it contains the building blocks of information from each subject. If you have any questions regarding this then please contact me at the Academy on 0114 2200 400.

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We would appreciate your support with this.

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Yours sincerely

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