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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re year 13 home study arrangements

As you know we are only 10 school weeks away from the beginning of the exam period. It is therefore vital that we begin to give students the best tools and environments available to ensure that they perform the best that they can in the summer.

Within the majority of subjects, all of the content has now been covered and the focus is now switching to revision. With this in mind, many students have expressed the desire to try studying at home.

We will be beginning to implement a **home studying system for students who have demonstrated a strong independent work ethic. Home study will allow students who do not have lessons during periods 5 & 6 to go home to complete effective independent study there.** This system will provide students with the independent learning skills that are vital to later life (especially for those aspiring to attend university), as well as encouraging effective revision.

To ensure that students are completing effective revision when allowed home the following regulations will be implemented:

- To ensure that students are demonstrating a strong work ethic we will be analysing ClassCharts on a weekly basis. **If a student has received any negative point for poor behaviour, poor work ethic or any other reason one week, they will not be granted home study for the subsequent week.**
- If parents express concerns about their son or daughter's work ethic at home, they will not be granted home study.
- If at any point teachers express concerns about students' work ethic (as expressed through ClassCharts points), they will not be granted home study.
- To ensure that this system will not be abused by students with sub-par work ethic, any student who received a letter home regarding performance in the mock (i.e. who was more than one grade below expectation in more than one subject) will not be granted home study for the first phase. If the student then demonstrates a strong work ethic through effective revision, they will then be granted access to the home study system.
- During the first phase of this system, **students will be able to leave at lunchtime twice a week** if they qualify for the home study system.

Students have all of the tools at their disposal to complete effective independent work within their home study sessions. During parents' evening before half term it will have become clear what your son/daughter will



need to focus on during the upcoming months, and if they require any additional resources their subject teachers will be more than willing to support them.

To summarise, **students who qualify for the home study system will be able to leave site at lunchtime on any two afternoons during which they have no scheduled lessons**. Once they have left site they will not be able to return that day.

To help us plan, it would be much appreciated if you were to indicate whether or not you are happy for your child to be given access to the home study system by clicking on the below link and **completing the short survey by Friday 13th March**. You will also have an opportunity to express any concerns about your child's suitability for the home study system via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=OCWXWqz5xUO-imNRDP1vWZbmnNK4jZhAlqGwQlz-smhUMTJZS08zUUY4NVdCUTVNUktIQ1VHQk5TSi4u>

The system will then start running from **Tuesday 17th March**.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Boy

