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Dear Parent,

Homework Timetable

Please find attached a copy of the homework timetable for this academic year. All students have been issued with a copy at the start of term. Students are expected to write down a summary of homework in their planner and ask a parent to sign it each week. The planner should also be presented to their Form Tutor each week for signing.

Homework should foster self-discipline, independent thinking, positive family interactions and reinforce the concept that learning takes place outside the school as well as in the classroom. The homework timetable indicates days on which homework will be set. In most cases students will have a number of days to submit work and they should manage their workload accordingly. Homework tasks should be completed to the best of their ability within the appropriate length of time and homework submitted as requested. Each year group can expect the following homework:

Year 7	-	4 - 5 hours per week, plus a minimum of one hour's reading
Year 8	-	4 - 5 hours per week, plus a minimum of one hour's reading
Year 9	-	6 - 7 hours per week, plus a minimum of one hour's reading
Year 10	-	8 - 10 hours per week
Year 11	-	10 - 12 hours per week
Year 12	-	16 hours per week

When a student is taking significantly longer than expected to complete homework, bearing in mind the expected duration of that homework, then parents should sign the work making it clear how much time has been spent on the task. If a subject is regularly taking longer than the allotted time then in the first instance subject teachers should be contacted. If the problem persists then the Subject Leader should be contacted, thereafter the Head of Year. This procedure should also be used if insufficient work is set on a regular basis.

Extra-Curricular Activities

King's offers an exciting range of extra-curricular activities. The extra-curricular timetable gives information on the activities offered. Students should contact the member of staff responsible for further information regarding joining a club. We are extremely proud of the breadth of activities offered at King's and it should be noted that staff offer activities voluntarily in their own time to enrich the educational opportunities of the boys.

House System

The House system will be developed this year to enhance opportunities for students. The current six Houses will continue, but with new House Leaders and a new range of activities to give as many students as possible a chance to take part in House activities. The House system aims to develop leadership, teamwork, resilience, innovation/creativity, courage, community and kindness.

Each form in Year 7 and 10 is attached to a House and we intend to roll out this system to all year groups in September 2015. Year 7 students now wear a 'House tie' with a coloured stripe at the bottom to indicate the house they belong to.

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The House Year will now run from Easter to Easter and in the final week of Term 4 there will be an awards ceremony to celebrate the work of each house. The range of sporting competitions will continue in addition to more non-sporting competitions. We shall also introduce inter-form competitions in Year 7 and 10 and additional whole school inter-house competitions throughout the year. Each House will also host a Christmas dinner. Mr Dyer has been appointed House Co-ordinator and will work closely with the newly appointed House Leaders:

Head of Curteis House	Mr Dyer
Head of Newton House	Mr Collins
Head of Burleigh House	Matthew Collinson
Head of Foxe House	Mr Beardsall
Head of More House	Mr Roberts
Head of School House	Miss Henry

Students will attend a House assembly every three weeks in either the Old School or School Hall. This is a chance for the House Leaders to inform, enthuse and co-ordinate House activities as well as recognise those who have been part of the ongoing programme of events. Students can also access House information via the noticeboards outside room 111 in the Newton Block.

Each House has also been allocated a lunchtime in either the School Hall or room 111. This will give students a place to socialise and build team-spirit among House members in different year groups. In addition to planning events/activities students will also have access to a number of tablet computers and a large screen TV. House are allocated the following days:

Monday	Curteis in room 111
Monday	Newton in the School Hall
Tuesday	Burleigh in the School Hall
Wednesday	More in the School Hall
Thursday	Foxe in the School Hall
Friday	School in the School Hall

The changes to the House system are designed to give students more breadth to their educational experience at King's. We hope that every student will feel part of their House and take an active role.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Year 8