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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **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. Students and parents can also access homework via FROG (VLE).

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

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**

There will be a range of sporting competitions in addition to non-sporting competitions. Whole school inter-house competitions will also be scheduled at the end of each term during extended form periods. Through all the events and activities the House system aims to develop leadership, teamwork, resilience, innovation and creativity, courage, community and kindness. The House Year runs from Easter to Easter and in the final week of Term 4 we shall be celebrating the work of each house in the House Awards Ceremony.

Each form is attached to a House and wear a 'House tie' with a coloured stripe at the bottom to indicate the house they belong to.

The House Leaders are:

Head of Burleigh House

Mr Morrow

**Head of Curteis House** 

Miss Leek

Head of Foxe House

Mr Otter

**Head of More House** 

Mr Lindsay

Head of Newton House

Mr Collins

Head of School House

Mr Hulme

Students will attend a House assembly every three weeks in either the Old School or the 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 House noticeboards.

Each House has also been allocated a lunchtime in the School Hall with their House Leader. 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 tablet computers, 5 pool tables and 5 large screen TVs with Xbox consoles. Houses are allocated the following days:

Tuesday

**Newton and More** 

Wednesday

**Curteis and Foxe** 

Thursday

**Burleigh and School** 

The House system is 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 9