

29 January 2024

Re: Fostering Positive Home Learning Habits for Academic Success

Dear parents/carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying a successful academic year with your child at Falmouth School. As we navigate various aspects of learning, we find it crucial to establish open communication about the role and importance of home learning in our students' education.

Purpose of Home learning

At Falmouth School, we believe that completing home learning regularly plays a pivotal role in fostering independent learning skills, instilling a love for learning, improving parental understanding of their child's academic progress, and acting as a significant driver for enhancing academic outcomes. To achieve these objectives, we have outlined our approach to home learning and would like to share our expectations with you. Our primary goal for assigning home learning is to create a culture where students develop a positive relationship with the learning process outside the classroom. Home learning serves as a tool to reinforce classwork, deepen understanding, and encourage the habit of self-directed study.

Home learning Setting and Platforms

Teachers at Falmouth School will be setting home learning regularly, aligning with their respective department policies. Home learning assignments will vary across subjects but will always be posted on Google Classroom as assignments. We aim to embrace both digital and non-digital platforms, including Sparx, Tassomai, Seneca Learning, as well as more traditional forms such as essays or creative projects. To promote a positive approach to home learning completion, we have introduced a new Home learning Completed Reward Point. Additionally, exceptional home learning achievements will be rewarded with three points. We believe celebrating success fosters a sense of accomplishment and motivates students to consistently engage in their home learning.

Expectations and Transparency

We want to ensure that parents understand our expectations regarding home learning and that there is transparency in what is being set. Any incomplete home learning will be noted on ClassCharts, providing visibility for both parents and students on outstanding tasks. Recognising the importance of establishing strong independent learning habits early, we have attached a suggested schedule and timings that parents/carers may find helpful in supporting their child to allocate time appropriately. Furthermore, we've included an outline of the types of home learning you, as a parent, might expect to be set on Google Classroom.

We believe that your involvement and support in your child's home learning routine will contribute significantly to their academic success. Together, we can foster a positive attitude towards learning and create an environment where each student can thrive. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Kind regards,

Jacob Price

Deputy Headteacher