



# Ellesmere Park High School

*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

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## **RE: Homework**

Dear Parent/carer,

Ellesmere Park High School is always looking at ways to improve and this year we are having a focus on homework. We believe that homework can help students to achieve their potential more fully than if we simply relied on study conducted during the timetabled curriculum. Our intention is that homework becomes a vehicle for preparing for future learning as well as retrieving, consolidating and applying the knowledge and skills from prior learning.

Through homework, students become flexible independent learners able to cope with the demands of a future working life. Research shows that *'The impact of homework on learning is consistently positive (leading to on average five months' additional progress).'* EEF, August 2017

This year, all homework will be set and recorded using Microsoft Teams. Using this platform gives students and parents a clear record of all the homework that has been set, instructions on how to complete homework with any required resources and a submission date. Instructional videos on how access homework set on Microsoft Teams can be found on our website.

Suggested homework tasks could include:

- Tassomai, Seneca learning and Frogplay
- Wider reading and note-making
- Research, including use of internet, surveys or market research
- Flipped Learning: prepare work to be completed in class, e.g. read an article, make notes, watch a video and answer questions etc
- Study and learn notes/vocabulary/ key points from the lesson
- Drafting and redrafting work

We have created a timetable designed to support your child in managing the completion of their homework. Students in KS3 will receive homework from their Core subjects (English, Maths and Science) each week and from their foundation subjects every two weeks. Students in KS4 will receive homework in all of their subjects weekly. I have attached the homework timetables with this letter and they are also available on our website.

To further support students with the completion of homework, we have set up a homework club that will run every night after school in B20 and our Library: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm. Homework club will be fully staffed and will provide students with access to computers.

If you have any further questions regarding homework please email Mrs K Burge, Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning ([Kris.burge@consilium-at.com](mailto:Kris.burge@consilium-at.com))

Yours faithfully

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