



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Homework

Homework is a vital element in the learning process; reinforcing the interaction between teacher and student; between home and school and paving the way to students being independent autonomous learners.

There has been extensive research carried out relating to the benefits of completing homework to an acceptable standard.

Duke University researchers have reviewed more than 60 research studies on homework and concluded that homework does have a positive effect on student achievement.

Harris Cooper, a professor of psychology and director of Duke's Program in Education, said:

"the relationship between the amount of homework students do and their achievement outcomes was found to be positive and statistically significant"

We value the importance of homework, it is included in our 'Home School Agreement' which you can find on pages 5 – 7 and 130 – 131 in the Student's Homework Planner.

As from Monday 21 September any student who achieves a level 3 on Behaviour Watch for homework will be referred by the Head of Department to the Senior Leadership Team who will set a 1 hour detention on either a Monday or Wednesday. If the student fails to attend he/she will consequently lose all social time for one week. If the situation does not improve parents/carers will be invited in for a formal meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We are piloting a rewards strategy with Year 11 which if successful will go whole school.

I trust I can rely upon your support as collectively we want your son/daughter to achieve good progress.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

