



DFE/SHI

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Dear Parents

Home Learning

As you will appreciate, learning at home is an important part of Education for your child, in terms of providing an opportunity to consolidate knowledge and understanding, and practice skills, developed in lesson time. A minority of students may need parental support in understanding that homework is to be expected, is mandatory and is in their best interests academically.

From September 2026, the Science faculty at Colton Hills is formalising our expectations around homework and home study, for all years from year 7 to year 13. In Key Stages 3 and 4 (years 7 to 11) students will be set one homework task – which may contain several homework activities – to support consolidation and lost learning each fortnight. This will be delivered via the Seneca Learning platform using their existing school log-in information – no new usernames or passwords are needed - and notified to students and parents on ClassCharts. For Key Stage 5, this will include *flipped learning* where students are expected to read prior to lessons, and then consolidation tasks following the lesson.

Where homework has *not been attempted* before the set deadline:

Instance	Teacher Actions
1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A restorative conversation will be held in lesson including checking the student can log in – this may need to happen in break time.Students will be provided with an extended deadline of 1 week maximum.
2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A stage 2 detention will be issued, with a extended deadline of <u>the next morning 9am</u> to complete.
3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A stage 3 detention will be issued, and contact home will be made either by telephone or e-mail.
4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Further, whole school, actions will be taken in liaison with your child's Head of Year.

Where homework is attempted poorly – either by way of spending too little time to reflect reasonable effort and thought, or a poor score on the task, the homework will be reassigned to be re-attempted at the class teacher's discretion.

We thank you in advance for your support in that matter, for the benefit of your child. If you have any queries, please contact me directly at dfenney@coltonhills.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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