



Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



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Dear Parent/Guardian

We have listened to a number of parents and students regarding the issue of allocating homework over the holiday periods. We appreciate that the majority of our students work exceptionally hard throughout the term and that holidays are for spending time with family and friends and generally recharging batteries ready for the new term ahead.

Whilst we will not be allocating homework over the holidays for the lower years (Years 7, 8 and 9), we would still welcome your support in encouraging your child to continue with their regular private reading or the completion of Bedrock and IDL literacy programmes if appropriate. We will reserve the right, however, to set homework where it has been missed, where students are underachieving through a lack of effort or poor attitude, or for intervention purposes.

All students are encouraged to read on a weekly basis and have reading cards to update and be signed by parents. A link to the school library and recommended reads can also be found on our school website under the 'School Life' section.

Naturally, parents may wish to direct their child to specific areas of study they feel may benefit their academic progress over the holidays but this will be left to the discretion of the parents rather than be teacher or subject directed.

With the exceptions of holidays, however, homework completion is one of our non-negotiables, an expectation for all of our students. It encourages our students to develop the skills, confidence, motivation and self-discipline to study effectively as independent and life-long learners. It consolidates, reinforces and extends what students know, understand and can do at school, extending their learning. We are committed to involving you as parents and carers in our students' learning and keeping you regularly informed about what they are doing at school.

If you have any queries regarding the issue of homework over the holiday periods, please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor or their teacher in the particular subject in question.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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