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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, homework is an important part of school life and helps students to become more confident, knowledgeable learners. For this reason, we have decided to implement the use of a new homework platform to enable students to complete homework more successfully. This platform is called Carousel Learning.

It is a quizzing platform that involves students practicing retrieval. Retrieval practice is an increasingly popular strategy for improving long term learning. It means asking students questions based on previously learned concepts, ideas or skills. When being asked questions, students are tasked with trying to recall or remember this information, without looking at the answer straight away. Only once they have attempted the question should they seek the answer.

In order to build these good habits at home, we would encourage students to:

- spend a set or agreed amount of time working on this homework each weekday;
- avoid completing all of their homework in one evening. Long term learning is more successful when the retrieval practice is spread across the week;
- avoid playing electronic games/TV/social media before their homework is completed; and
- use flash cards; they could write down the questions, ask somebody to quiz them and in response to the feedback, write their own answer.

The table below shows the weekly timetable for homework for Years 7 to 9. Year 10 and 11 homework will be set at the teacher's discretion.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Maths; homework will continue to be set on Sparx.	Science	English	History Geography	French

#### Instructions to access Homework.

1. Log into to ClassCharts using code; if students are unable to access their codes, they should ask their Tutor or a teacher.
2. Click on the homework tab in ClassCharts.
3. Individual homework tasks will appear – click on a homework set – a dropdown tab will appear.
4. Instructions will be seen to follow.
5. Click on the link accompanying the instructions.
6. Access the homework using first name and surname as it appears on their SIMS profile.
7. Complete the homework.
8. When finished click 'mark'.

The teacher will be able to see when the homework is completed. Students will have 7 days to complete the homework. If they do not submit by the deadline, they will be given 24 hours' notice to complete it. However, should they fail to complete it after this point, their teacher will be advising them to attend homework support and will set a detention. Parents/carers will be notified of the homework detention of 30 minutes via their own ClassCharts app. Therefore, parents/carers should track student activity on the app daily.

If parents/carers are unable to access their own ClassCharts login, or if you have any questions about homework then please email [homework@southchurchschool.com](mailto:homework@southchurchschool.com).

Students who are completing their homework successfully will be rewarded for their efforts.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

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