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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Importance of Homework

Firstly, we would like to thank the many of you who consistently support us and your child(ren) with their homework. It is very much appreciated and will stand your children in good stead. The Department of Education advises that spending time doing homework brings many benefits, it develops core skills that will serve them throughout school and working life. Improved grades, discipline, time management, using resources and improving communication are all vital life skills that will open the door to unique opportunities and help children find success in their careers. Understanding the value of homework can help increase motivation and productivity; regularly completing homework should be considered as an investment in your child's future. Research also shows that homework can help to improve relationships between parents and students, bringing them 'closer together to enjoy learning and exchange ideas'.

Unfortunately, we have a core of students not completing homework in line with our home-learning policy. Not completing homework leads to a thirty-minute homework detention. Failure to attend this results in students being placed in a Director of Learning (DoL) detention which lasts for an hour. Not attending a DoL detention leads to further escalations within our behaviour policy. Can we ask that you monitor your children's homework, as detailed below, and assist them in completing it by the relevant deadline.

We have invested in the online platform 'Show My Homework', to help you keep track of your child's homework. Show My Homework is extremely useful, allowing you to see the details of the tasks your child has been set, all their deadlines and their submission status and grades. We need your support in encouraging and checking the completion of home-learning tasks.

If you have mislaid your login details, you can view all homework on SMHW without them by visiting <https://www.thebourneacademy.com/>

Please click on the blue 'Log in' tab and follow the link for Show My Homework. Once there you will need to use the filter options at the top of the page to find your child's homework. Show My Homework allows:

- 24/7 access
- Viewing the quality and quantity of homework set
- Translation into over 50 languages
- Apps available for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android devices
- Receiving of automated notifications before homework is due.

We hope that using SMHW provides you with a deeper insight into the homework your child receives. More importantly, we hope that it will support your child's organisation, time-management and help them to keep on top of their workload. There is a clear correlation between home-learning and academic achievement alongside the development of employability skills. Please help us, to help your children, to achieve this.

Thank you once again for your support,

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Bennett
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