

## **CCGS Weekly Round-Up**

### **Home language GCSE exams**

If your child is in year 10 or year 11 and wishes to do a GCSE in a language that they speak at home, please check your emails for a letter with details. The letter was sent to parents and students in the week of 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Whole School Reading of Non-Fiction**

This week (w/b 11<sup>th</sup> Sep), the school has launched a new initiative to develop and encourage the reading of more Non-Fiction texts in the Lower School (Years 7, 8 & 9).

As part of their regular homework schedule, students will receive non-fiction reading assignments on a range of topics relating to **all subjects** and **topics** taught in the school. These texts should take no more than 20 minutes to read and will be sent to your child once a fortnight via our new online 'Show My Homework' platform.

Please be aware that the texts vary in their level of difficulty, with some being fairly straightforward in style and others presenting a definite challenge. As always, your help is greatly appreciated, and we would encourage you to read such texts with your child to support not only their fluency and comprehension in reading, but also to widen their knowledge of the curriculum.

### **Study Skills Week**

Study skills week will be a focus for all staff and students next week. The key objective for this week is for students to appreciate that revision is not something you do just before an examination; it should be a continuous process of reviewing work in-line with the learning ethos processes of perseverance, autonomy and mastery.

Students across all key stages will be shown independent study skills to help them consolidate their learning into their long term memory. Strategies such as Cornell cards, Flashcards, Quizlet, Anki, Revision platforms, Question strips and Mind maps will be discussed and demonstrated.

In the following week our assembly theme is 'Study smart' where we will continue to review these skills.

### **Satchel One Homework Platform**

All students and parents have now received all the information needed to access h/w information. We are hoping that this will enable parents to support their children in terms of managing h/w deadlines and that it is clearer to see exactly what is required for your child's success.

### **Year 7 French Trip**

All year 7 children will be given information about a year 7 trip to France in July during their French lessons on Monday or Tuesday. Parents will then be emailed the letter on Tuesday afternoon with details on how to apply. The trip is open to all students and places are NOT limited.

### **Year 9 Canterbury Geography Field trips**

All Year 9 geography classes will be carrying out fieldwork in Canterbury towards the end of September. They will be going on different dates so please read the letter carefully to ensure you know when your child is going. These letters have been given to students and they should ask their geography teacher if they have not yet received one. It is really important that we have a quick turnaround on the consent/health forms please, bringing them on the morning is too late due to the paperwork that needs to be completed. The payment for this trip should be on the school payment app.

In the event of unsuitable behaviour in school, prior to the trip, students may not be able to attend due to the group work and trust that is needed in Canterbury.

### **A Plea from the Maths department!**

We are still short of some homework books for KS3. Please do check in your child's room to see if you can see any of these homework textbooks. They should only have one for the current year. If you find any older books, please send them to school so we can issue them to our younger students. It costs us a lot of money to replace books every year that are probably lurking underneath beds and desks in houses across Thanet.

Thank you

