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Dear families

We are delighted to let you know that students will be completing regular English homework through the online learning platform **Seneca**.

What is Seneca?

www.senecalearning.com is an online learning platform that has high-quality courses for all subjects at Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3, GCSE and A Level. Supporting English, Seneca provides an interactive and engaging way for students to practise their spelling, grammar and punctuation; review their knowledge of key texts; and revise the skills needed for exams.

How does Seneca homework work?

Seneca's online platform can be thought of as an effective and engaging interactive learning and revision guide. Summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions are all found on the Seneca platform. The system is also completely adaptive, so your child's learning experience will be tailored to suit their individual needs.

Your child will be able to log into Seneca on a phone, tablet or computer using their normal school account login details.

Each week, topics are set by your child's English teacher and will make up most of the homework questions. Seneca homework will be set each Monday. Students will have one week to complete the tasks and completion will be monitored by your child's class teacher.

How can I help my child with their homework?

Seneca's free parent account allows you to track your child's learning or learn alongside your child. This can help make conversations about school and learning easier.

You can sign up for a free Seneca parent account here: app.senecalearning.com/parent

You will automatically connect to your child if you are set up as a guardian in the school's database.

We appreciate that you will of course want to support your child with their home learning, but it is important that they complete their homework independently. This way, Seneca can make sure your child continues to complete homework that is at the right level for them.

Why does my child need to achieve 100% compulsory homework completion?

Seneca Homework is deliberately designed to help students practise and understand the key concepts and skills. It ensures that your child covers the essential building blocks needed to make progress in English.

In Seneca's research trial of over 1000 students, those using Seneca scored 2x more marks than those using a revision guide after 1 month.

It is therefore required that students complete their homework each week and they should make use of the Learning Bubble after school if needed. If there are any issues, please direct your child to seek help from their teacher **before** the deadline and they can issue paper copies where necessary. If homework is incomplete, students will be given one extra day to catch up before a Homework Correction is issued.

We hope you agree that Seneca will play an exciting and important role in helping your child's understanding, success and confidence in English to grow.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's English teacher.

Yours faithfully

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