

LYNCH HILL ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

Monday 12th January
Week 2

LHEA Parent Newsletter

Welcome back to the new term.

I hope that you had a good holiday period and your sons and daughters have returned refreshed for the term ahead. It has certainly felt like a good first week. The teachers' training day on Monday had a strong focus on positive feedback and acknowledging the many good student contributions that happen in lessons every day and we hope that will increase the levels of engagement in class and improve everyone's progress and attainment.

I would like to introduce three new members of the teaching staff:
Mr Trenchfield, who joins as Assistant Head with responsibility for behaviour, supporting Mr Harrison
Ms Robles who joins in the role of Co-SENCO
Mr Kerrison who joins in PE.
In addition, Ms Akram joins the safeguarding team.

Chris Thomas
Headteacher

Key information & Events

- Wednesday 7th January –Monday 19th January –Year 11 Mock Exams
- Thursday 12th February – Year 11 Parents Evening
- Friday 13th February – Staff INSET Day (School closed)
- **Monday 16th – Friday 20th February-Half Term**
- Wednesday 25th February – Whole School Careers Fair

Year 11 Study skill of the week – Test it

Answer an exam question without looking at your notes or any resources. Once the time is up (say 10 minutes for 10 marks), change pen colour and use your notes and book to add to your answer. Great to see what you can remember and what you can't!

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Governance update

I wanted to make you aware that there is a new, temporary arrangement for governance for the school which will be in place for the next 12 months (to be reviewed January 2027).

An Interim Executive Board has been established to provide the necessary leadership and accountability to support the school's improvement journey over the next 12 months. This is a strategic response to the school's involvement in the RISE (Regional Improvement for Standards and Excellence programme) coupled with some vacancies on the existing Local Governing Board.

This approach will now ensure the following is in place:

- Stronger strategic leadership and accountability
- Improved oversight of school improvement efforts
- Enhanced credibility with external stakeholders, including the RISE team
- Opportunity to build a more skilled and effective governance team

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Culture Curriculum at Lynch Hill Enterprise Academy

This week we have had a 'culture reset week'. We have re-taught and emphasised key areas of the culture curriculum during lessons all week. Each Lesson for year 7,8 and 9 has had a focus that the teacher has taught to the students and they have practiced it. Year 10 and 11 have had their culture curriculum focus session in form time. Teachers have been explicit with all students about expectations. The areas of focus have included:

- Lesson entry + lesson exit
- Corridor movement and punctuality
- Exiting the building for break
- Equipment for learning
- Wearing uniform with pride
- Positive interactions
- Confident Business Voice
- Learning Modes: Silent Solo, Active listening, Partner support

During these session, students have had equipment for learning and uniform checks. Please support the school by ensuring that your child comes to school in correct uniform and with their learning wallet full (with a black pen, green pen, ruler, rubber, planner, timetable, mini whiteboard, mini whiteboard pen and rubber). Any missing items need to be purchased.

Part of our school culture is for students to be aspirational and work towards achieving great things in their life. **Next week the culture curriculum** will look at students' aspirations in class, so will focus on students giving 100% effort on every task they do. Student will be taught and reminded to:

- Push themselves to produce as much work as they can for each task and for this work to be of the best quality they can achieve
- Be alert and attentive in class by actively listening
- Participate fully by solely focusing on the task in hand, whether that be class discussions, thinking or written tasks

Homework

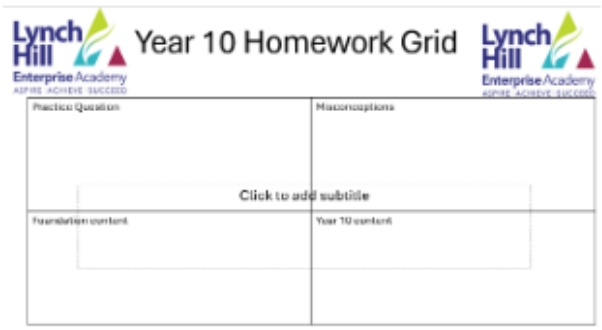
As part of our commitment for students to be academically stretched and make great progress, we are increasing the amount of homework students should complete each week.

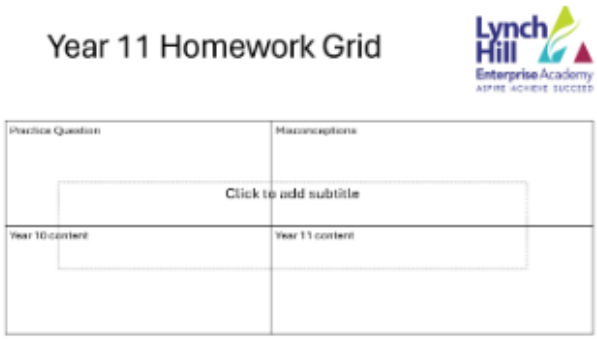
On Monday, staff spent time planning the homework tasks your students will be set to ensure it is meaningful and makes a positive difference to your child's learning. All homework is set on Class Charts.

For your information:

Year 10 and Year 11

Students in Year 10 and Year 11 will be set one homework grid every fortnight per subject. The grid should take an hour (so 30 minutes a week per subject). Staff may split how they set this work, so might set 2 tasks one week and 2 tasks the next week or they may set the whole grid in one go. The nature of the grids is to ensure students revise content already covered, practice exam questions and deal with misconceptions and gaps in their knowledge.





Years 7, 8, 9

Students in Key Stage 3 will be set homework in line with the following:

Subject Type	Frequency	Focus / Examples
Core (English, Maths, Science)	At least one piece per week per subject	Retrieval quizzes, literacy/numeracy practice, extended writing, problem solving, online learning (e.g. Seneca)
Foundation (Humanities, Languages, Arts, Technology, PE, etc.)	At least two pieces per half term	Knowledge organiser tasks, vocabulary recall, short research or application tasks, reading comprehension, creative responses

- Homework should take approximately 20–30 minutes per subject

Consequences

If a student doesn't complete their homework they will be set 'overtime' by their classroom teacher. Our aim is for students to get the work done so they will have 24 hours to show their teacher the completed work. If they do not do this, they will be required to stay after school to complete it. You will be notified of this through Class Charts.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure your child completes their homework. If you have any questions about our updated policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr. Weeks

Deputy Headteacher

After school clubs

Date	Club
Monday	Chess Club 3-4pm with Mr King in T15
	Christian Fellowship Group 3.15-4.15pm with Miss Thomas in T13
	Art Attack 3-4pm with Miss Javed in T9
Wednesday	Drama club 3-4pm with Miss Walsh in the Drama studio
	Duke of Edinburgh 3.15-4.30pm with Mr Ameen & Mr McLeish in M3 Week 1 (Bronze) Week 2 (Silver)
	Board games club 3.10-4.30pm with Miss Thomas in T13
Mon-Fri	Library Assistance Club 3-4pm with Ms Khan in the Library

Sports clubs (most clubs commence 19th Jan)

Date	Club/Activity
Monday 12th January	Street Dance with Alan
Tuesday 13th January	Basketball Club (invite only) 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 14th January	Girls Football Training with Mrs Haynes 3-4pm
Friday 16th January	Badminton (only 20 places) Sign up only

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Term Dates/Events

Term Dates 2025-26	
Monday 12th January	Year 10 History Trip to London
Thursday 29th January	Year 10 SLT Targeted Parents Evening
Thursday 12th February	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 13th February	INSET Day- School closed
Monday 16th- Friday 20th February	**Half Term**
Wednesday 25th February	Whole School Careers Fair
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th March	Options Evening
Wednesday 25th March	DofE Parents Evening 5.30-6.30pm
Thursday 2nd April	End of Term –1pm finish
Friday 3rd –Friday 17th April	**Easter Holidays**
Monday 20th April –Friday 24th April	Year 10 Mocks
Tuesday 5th May	GCSE Exams begin
Thursday 21st May	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 25th – Friday 29th May	**Half Term**
Wednesday 10th June	Thorpe Park Rewards Trip

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Term Dates/Events

Term Dates 2025-26	
Thursday 11th June	Year 7 Parents' Evening
	Year 8 HPV Immunisations
Tuesday 16th June	Chessington Rewards Trip
Monday 22nd June	GCSE Exams Finish
Tuesday 7th July	Year 6 Induction Day
Monday 13th July	Rewards Evening 6.00-7.45pm
Wednesday 15th July	Whole School Activities Day
Thursday 23rd July	End of Term –1pm finish