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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is my absolute privilege to be writing to you as Headteacher of Immanuel College.

Many of the students may already know me as I have been part of the Immanuel family for 10 years and have now been appointed as Headteacher.

As Headteacher, my aim is that we continue evolving and making progress towards outstanding. I am extremely lucky to work with such a fantastic staff team who are all truly dedicated to the progress and wellbeing of each and every one of our students. Perseverance, Character and Hope remain the foundations of Immanuel College and I shall continue to promote this ethos to ensure the success of all of our students.

Here at Immanuel College, we are a fully inclusive school and this includes parents, carers, families and the local community; we make such an important contribution to the student's achievements and we relish your input and support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to telephone or e-mail the school on the details at the bottom of this page.

It has been a very busy summer in school, with many renovations having taken place that will enhance the learning experience of your children. Classrooms, corridors and the outside of the school have been painted, furniture has been replaced and the IT facilities have been strengthened. It has made such a difference in the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a few changes from September:

Breakfast

A free! Nutritious breakfast will be available to all staff and students from 8.00am every morning. This will be on the mezzanine and I encourage all students to join us. If your child has an allergy or food intolerance, they must not consume any of this food before speaking to a member of staff.

Homework

The homework process is changing. Please refer to the enclosed letter for more information.

The past eighteen months have been challenging for us all, but I am enthusiastic and hopeful about the journey ahead for Immanuel College, its students, staff, parents and Governors.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr S Pickles
Headteacher

Homework

Homework is incredibly important and is set to support and facilitate the learning of your child.

You will soon receive log in information for an online programme called Class Charts. This programme will enable you to track, view and monitor homework set for your child.

Class Charts can be accessed using the address: www.classcharts.com. Alternatively, you, as a parent can download an app called 'class charts parents' on your phone or tablet. This app will enable you to see what homework they have to do, when it is due in and whether they have completed their homework. If you have multiple children at the school it will link all children to your account.

Your child will be e-mailed their log in information to their school e-mail and will access their homework through a different app. This app is called 'class charts student'. On this app they will be able to monitor what homework they have been set, when it is due in and they will have the option to submit their homework electronically or via paper to the class teacher on the due date.

It is an expectation that all students complete this work each week. If your child does not manage to complete their homework on time they will be required to stay for a period 7 intervention session after school to facilitate and support the completion of the work. The intervention session will last up to an hour from 2.45pm to 3.45pm and you will receive a text message to inform you if they are required to stay.

Our expectations are:

- Students will be set one piece of homework per week from each subject on their timetable.
- For students in year 7, 8 and 9 the following subjects will not be every week:
 - Humanities: one homework a week which will be alternated between history and geography
 - Technology: one homework every 2 weeks
 - PE: one homework every 2 weeks
 - Drama: one homework every 3 weeks
 - Art: one homework every 3 weeks
 - Music: one home every 3 weeks
 - ICT: one homework every 3 weeks
- Students will be expected to spend the following amount of time for each subject a week on their homework:
 - Year 7: 20 minutes per subject per week
 - Year 8: 30 minutes per subject per week
 - Year 9: 40 minutes per subject per week
 - Year 10: 50 minutes per subject per week
 - Year 11: 60 minutes per subject per week
- Students will receive a full week to complete their homework, giving them time to speak to their class teacher if they are unsure about any of the work.
- Homework will be set in class and students will record it in their planners and it will be logged on class charts.

- Period 7 Homework intervention sessions are 2:45 – 3:45pm:
 - Year 7 and Year 8 Monday
 - Year 9 Wednesday
 - Year 10 and Year 11 Thursday

Please see below for some hints and tips to support your child in completing their homework:

- Have a dedicated place to do homework away from distractions e.g. no TV, phone.
- Try to keep to a set time of the day to complete homework in.
- Don't try to do all of the homework in one go.
- Break homework into chunks throughout the week.
- Put a timetable together for different subjects each day.
- Keep to a weekly routine.
- If they don't know the answer encourage them to use their class books, supporting worksheets, revision guides, BBC bitesize, google, email their teacher for further support.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to telephone or e-mail the school.