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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back! I thought it would be useful if you as parent/carer had an update of our key teaching and learning priorities.

As you are aware our vision is that every student experience '*outstanding education*' as this '*transforms lives*.' With your help and support we can ensure that your child succeeds.

Key Updates:

Homework:

Your child will be given knowledge organisers each half term for each subject. They are given a planner folder to put these in. If they require a new planner folder these are available through ParentPay and are £5.00. Each week they will have a quiz in every subject based on this knowledge organiser. Your child may also be given other homework which might be independent research, reading challenges etc. Your child has been given suggestions on how to revise in tutor time, please support them with this.

Class Charts:

Your child and you have an access code to log into their class charts account. This will tell you how many rewards points they have, any negative points, detentions (we hope they don't get many) and will also tell them what their homework is. This is a change from last year, we will not be using Show my Homework anymore. **Your child will receive a sticker that contains the codes required for access to Class Charts, this will be placed in their planner during the first week of the academic year. Further information regarding Class Charts will be sent out in the coming weeks. Should you require further support please contact your child's Head of House.**

Equipment:

To support your child's learning it is important they have the basic equipment. This helps our teachers start their lessons promptly which will enhance your child's learning. Please check that your child has a black/blue pen, a red pen, a rubber, a pencil, a ruler and at least one highlighter that is not pink.

Feedback:

Your child will receive feedback throughout the year. This may be verbal through questioning during their lesson, instant through their quiz scores, written feedback after an assessment or whole class feedback following on from their teacher's analysis of a task that everyone has completed. We always give students time to red pen their work, improve their work or add to their answers each lesson. This year we are also using 'Plickers' which is an interactive quizzing system. Staff will use a tablet or their phone to scan the answers. No photos are taken during this process. We also have an 'improvement phase' following on

from an assessment, this gives your child time to reflect on what they did well and what they need to improve. This is an important part of your child's learning.

Think time:

This year we are also introducing 'think time' your child will have a period of time every lesson where their teacher will ask for silence, this is so everyone can concentrate on perhaps a tricky topic. This is to support your child's learning and ensure they can make progress.

If you have any questions re your child's learning, please don't hesitate to contact me @ apape@oiea.co.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ailsa Pape".

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