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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to write to you to help signpost various key places **where you can find out what your child is learning in school** and ascertain how well they are doing - this will enable you to help and support your child at home.

Planners - New and improved - in response to our Parent Forum

Every child has been issued with a planner to help them to stay organised. Inside you will find a range of **knowledge organiser QR codes** outlining exactly what your child will be learning over the year. When loaded electronically, these are broken down into half-termly knowledge pages. They need to be brought into the academy every day and help your child to be supported in their progress.

Website

Our website www.ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk provides a wealth of information under the curriculum heading for each year group. You will see exactly what your child is learning and the termly breakdown which is in the form of curriculum maps. You may help your child's progress by finding out what they are learning from Year 7 through to Sixth Form. If you feel other information could be added to the website to help you and your family, please contact Nicole Hawes who manages the content on pa@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk

Parents' Evenings

This will be an opportunity for you to discover more about your child's learning and find out about your child's attitude to learning and progress. It is also an opportunity to ask questions about various subjects or discuss their homework. This evening will be either be in person or virtual - more details will be sent to you nearer the time regarding how to book an appointment. Some events are live to help provide a face-to-face experience for practical help with revision and Class Charts.

Class Charts - Improved Communication

We use a system called Class Charts which will enable you to keep track of your child's achievements and rewards, behaviour; view their attendance; access their timetable; view assigned homework tasks and view announcements from the academy. It is very important that you download the app to ensure you do not miss critical information or announcements. This system ensures communication is clear regarding your child, and allows you to keep track of the information provided by teachers.

Reports

You will receive **three reports** this year. These will be issued termly and will include an overall percentage of knowledge and skill (assessment score) and in addition will identify your child's engagement, independence and progress score. It is important to review this report with your child. Reports can also be discussed with teachers via email or over the telephone. We do not set targets in KS3 (Year 7,8 and 9), however, based on SATs scores and GL assessments, we will indicate the GCSE target range that your child should reach by the end of Year 11. This is an indication and not a prediction as your child's learning journey will develop in different ways over the next few years.

Academic Tutoring

Any student struggling to make expected progress in the core subjects will be referred to Academic Tutoring. The support may take place within departments or in a study area supervised by the KS3 team. This will start following the first assessments. Parents will be notified in advance through Class Charts. We want to ensure all students have an opportunity to achieve their potential. These sessions are not a punishment; they are put in place to offer help and guidance.

Regular Assessments

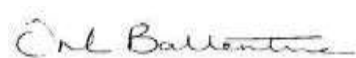
Students will complete one summative (formal) assessment per term and various formative assessments (classroom tests, quizzes, knowledge recall questions) throughout each half term. These assessments will test knowledge and skills. The results of these assessments will be reported as a percentage. In KS3 you will receive these as a percentage and also receive the year group average. In KS4, you will receive these alongside GCSE grade indicators and predicted grades.

Important - New addition to support your child's learning with homework and assessments

Across the key stages, your child will receive meaningful homework that is linked toward helping students prepare for their upcoming assessments, or to support them with coursework throughout the year. Alongside this, both students and parents will have access to assessment journals (on the school's website) that will clearly state what students are being assessed on and where they can get additional resources to support with their preparation for these assessments. We are hoping by introducing these journals and dates of the key assessments in advance, it will support the preparation for assessments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on:
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Kind regards



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