

8<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our commitment to developing independent, successful learners, we will be introducing a new expectation from **September - pupils will take home their exercise books each day and bring them back when needed for lessons.**

This marks an important step in preparing our young people for the increasing academic demands they will face throughout their journey at Victory, particularly at GCSE and A Level. Whilst exercise books have traditionally remained in school, we believe that giving pupils regular access to their work at home will bring significant educational benefits.

Your child will be able to:

- Review and revisit learning from lessons, a key driver of stronger memory retention.
- Complete homework and independent revision using their class notes and teacher guidance.
- Revise more effectively before assessments using their own notes and our Revision Routines.
- Develop organisation, responsibility and independence - essential skills for future study and employment.
- Share their learning with you, helping to build ownership of their work.

Alongside this change, we will continue to place emphasis on pupils taking responsibility for their own learning resources. Bringing the correct equipment, planner and exercise books to school each day is an important part of being ready to learn.

We appreciate that, as with any new routine, there may occasionally be mistakes while pupils develop these habits. Our staff will support pupils in establishing these routines during the first few weeks of term. However, where books are repeatedly forgotten, appropriate consequences will be applied, just as visas will also be issued for repeated success.

We are confident that this change will help our pupils become more independent learners and better prepare them for the demands of further education and the workplace. Thank you for your continued support in helping us establish these important routines.

If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to contact Mr J Crosson-Rogers, Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning on [J.crosson-rogers@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk](mailto:J.crosson-rogers@ormistonvictoryacademy.co.uk)

Kind regards,

Mr CR and the T&L Team

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