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Dear Parents,

Years 7 – 10 Home Study Guidance

Naturally we have had a few queries about the amount of work students should be doing during this period whilst schools are closed. As a guideline we have asked staff to set 1 hour per subject per week at Key Stage 3 and in years 10 and 12 this will be higher, as they will have exams next summer and it is important that we keep on top of work as far as is possible.

However, we would not recommend students studying for more than 2-3 hours a day, and this should be broken up into chunks. We recognise that it is difficult for students to study independently without the breaks between lessons, without different venues and learning approaches that they are accustomed to. It is also difficult for parents to motivate, inspire and cajole their children to focus on their school work - even our teachers only have to do it in 50 minute slots!

If you can, we would recommend agreeing with fellow parents mutual times for Playstation/XBox etc. They are great for keeping in touch with friends, but can get in the way of productive work. Save it for when friends are playing and for when work and chores are done!

Please see the earlier [letter](#) from Mr Fry which offers further guidance to parents and carers about how to support children during this time.

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