



St Mary
Magdalene
Academy

The Courtyard School

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Careers,

In the blink of an eye we have reached the end of January. The students have settled back into the routines of the school very successfully.

Focus of the month

Homework



This month we are re-introducing the concept of 'homework'.

Each subject will be setting one piece of homework each week, which will be recorded in the student planner. We would hope that you could support this initiative by checking your child's planner each night, providing a quiet space for them to be able to complete the work and advice on how to complete it where necessary.

As a school we will provide the students with time and a space to complete their work during lunch-times or after school from 3.30-4.30, Monday to Wednesday. Your signature at the end of each week would be confirmation that we are working in collaboration. We will also sign the planner during Tuesdays Guardian time.

Completion of homework to the required deadline will result in merits for the students. However failure to complete homework by the required deadline will result in a detention, notice of which will be recorded in the student planner.

Dates for the diary

Only 12 more weeks until the start of the Y11/Y13 exams!

Week beginning:

2nd February 2015 – Short reports will be sent home to parents/careers

16th February 2015 – 1 week half term holiday

26th February 2015 - Parents evening for all year groups, 5-7pm. An appointment sheet will be sent home with the students by the end of the week.

Mr Hadley, Deputy Head Teacher of the Secondary Academy has offered some top tips for getting the best from parents evening. Please click on the link below to read more:

http://smmacademy.org/our_academy/page/top_tips_for_a_successful_parents_evening/



Curriculum focus

Functional Skills Maths - measurements

Functional Skills English – understanding what you are reading

PSD – money management

Self-Discovery – likes/dislikes

Home-cooking - health and wellbeing

Kind regards

Emma Robinson and the Courtyard Staff

‘It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop’

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