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Dear Parent/Guardian

I'm sure the technological revolution hasn't gone unnoticed in your household. Our young people are embracing technology and we are too. Many things that traditionally existed on paper can now be presented digitally with greater functionality and the ability to share so you can keep up-to-date with progress. I'm writing today with three school services that will be available on a smartphone (and desk top) from September.

SHOW MY HOMEWORK

Show My Homework (SMHW) is an online homework tool used by 1 in 3 schools and academies in the UK. We launched SMHW in September 2016 and it has revolutionised the way we set homework; staff, students and parents can all keep track of homework through the online site, or via a free app.

As a parent, you will have your own account. This will allow you to see any homework your child has been set, including deadlines, how long they should be spending on it and any attachments/resources they may need. If you are ever without your log-in details, you can view a general academy homework calendar which will allow you to filter out year groups, teachers and subjects to find your child's homework.

In September, your child will be given a letter which will include their own PIN and a parental PIN. These can be used to set up a user name and password, and you will then have full access to your child's homework calendar.

EDULINK ONE

EduLink One will be replacing our student planner, it will show attendance, timetables, achievement, behaviour, instant messages from school (rather than texts), school letters/documents. Communication within the school environment and to home is vitally important and we are confident that EduLink One will ensure that we are meeting the day to day needs of staff, students and parents to effectively complete tasks, communicate and manage/ share school data.

CARROT REWARDS

Through MyStickers, our student reward system, parents can request to be notified about rewards received by their child. We will be awarding students for key skills and achievements allowing us to build a picture of how they are developing both academically and within the classroom environment. We want to share this information with you. The app is free and easy to access from a smartphone or a PC. We'll be in touch shortly with details on how you can register.

I hope that you will join us in closing the gap between what we do at school and home, it's vitally important that we all work together to ensure the students get the education that they deserve. These apps will enable us all to work together. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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