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Dear Parent/ Carer

Subject Home Learning

It has been a great pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students to Vyners this half term. I hope that they are settling in well and enjoying the start of their learning journey with us.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about the home learning tasks we will be asking all Year 7 students to complete each week so that you are able to support your child effectively at home.

Firstly, each Year 7 student will be given their own ***Get It Right: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Workbook***. Each week your son/daughter will be set an exercise from this workbook to complete at home. The workbook consolidates the English writing skills learned at KS2, enabling students to make a confident transition to the more challenging content of KS3. It is also our aim that these workbooks will help our students to be increasingly independent learners, providing them with an excellent reference book if they get stuck on a spelling, punctuation or grammar skill. It is therefore vital that students look after the workbooks carefully and ensure they do not get lost. While the school has covered the cost of these workbooks, unfortunately, we will have to ask parents/carers to pay for replacements if they do get lost. Students will be issued with their workbooks during the next two weeks.

We have also invested in an innovative literacy improvement tool called **Bedrock Vocabulary**. This digital learning programme helps children to learn very important academic vocabulary, whilst encouraging them to read regularly. As your child progresses through the programme, he/she will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. Students will also fill in an online vocabulary notebook to practise using this vocabulary; as a parent you will be able to access and edit this digital notebook as well as monitor your child's progress.

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English teachers will be launching Bedrock with all Year 7 pupils in their lessons over the coming week. Account details, alongside a Guardian Access Code, will be shared privately with each student on Google Classroom. The expectation will then be that pupils complete weekly activities on Bedrock as part of their English home learning.

Following a great start to the Autumn Term, I look forward to the positive impact that these initiatives will have upon the literacy skills of our Year 7 students. Thank you in advance for the support you will provide at home to ensure that your child gets the most out of their English home learning this year.

Yours sincerely



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