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Dear Parent/ Carer

Subject Home Learning

It has been a great pleasure to welcome Year 8 students back to Vyners this half term.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about the home learning tasks we will be asking all Year 8 students to complete each week so that you are able to support your child effectively at home.

Firstly, each Year 8 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 key English writing skills, enabling students to prepare for the more challenging content of KS4 that they will begin next year. 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 will also be expecting our Year 8 students to continue using **Bedrock Vocabulary**, an innovative literacy improvement tool. As you will know from your child's home learning last year, 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 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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Logins for students remain the same as last year; if you enabled guardian access last year, this will also remain the same. If you require a Guardian Access code, please email your child's English teacher. 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 8 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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