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Dear Parents & Carers,

I must start with a thank you to all of our parents and carers for your support with the start of this very exceptional school year. Students have settled well into new routines and we are delighted that Class Charts is making communication with you all so much easier.

Updates :

- **Face Coverings and ID Card – Charges for Replacements**
- **Homework**

Face Coverings and ID Card – Charging for Replacements

As you know, face coverings are now required by law in communal areas in all Birmingham schools. We have seen a marked increase in students managing this really well in school and thank you for your support with this: it is a big culture change for students to get used to wearing face masks especially when socialising with friends so we are really pleased that they are on board with why this is so important.

We are able to support those students who struggle for health reasons so if you have a concern, do please contact your child's Head of Year.

Until now, we have been replacing face coverings for students who forget to bring theirs to school, however this is not something we can sustain financially so from Wednesday September 30th, we will be asking for a £1 contribution for a replacement face covering. This will be a washable and reusable covering. Likewise, a number of students have lost their lanyard and/or ID card and a £1 charge will be incurred to replace this moving forwards.

If your child is issued with a replacement lanyard or face covering, you will be notified via ParentMail that there is an item for you: this notification will mean your child has been issued with the replacement and we would appreciate you then paying the contribution. If this causes any difficulty, please contact Main Reception and we will do what we can to support.

Homework – Key Information

How is homework set?

We have introduced **Classcharts** to set and monitor homework this year. **ClassCharts** can be accessed via a computer at www.classcharts.com or it can be accessed via the app that can be downloaded from the Apple app store or the google play store.

Your child has been given a unique passcode to log in for the first time.

As a parent or carer, you have also been sent a code so that you can access the parent section of **Classcharts**. This will enable you to see what homework has been set, when the deadline for the homework is and if your child has completed it.



What will set homework consist of?

Regular Homework

Regular homework will be set either weekly or fortnightly depending on how often the subject is taught.

Homework will be set on **ClassCharts** and will either be designed to encourage your child to remember key information or practise key skills.

Milestone Assessment Homework

Milestone assessments take place twice a year in every year group apart from year 10 who have three. These formal assessments help us understand each student from a progress and attainment point of view so we can support them to fill gaps and make improvements.

Each subject will provide a Milestone Assessment Homework booklet that is designed to help the student revise for the assessment. The booklets will reflect the style and type of questions that may be asked.

Milestone Assessment Homework will take place over a three-week period. There will be page/ task deadlines that will have to be hit by the students each week. **These deadlines will be set through Classcharts.**

The homework will be checked and either self-marked or marked within the lesson. If a student has not met the appropriate deadline, they will be supported to complete the work. Non-completion of Milestone Assessment Homework will result in a debit being given.

How often will my child be set homework and how much will they get?

The table below illustrates how often your child will be set homework in each subject. If your child is studying a BTEC style subject e.g. Sports Studies or Health and Social Care, they will often complete assignment-based work that has to be completed in school and they may get less homework when studying these subjects.

Homework at Colmers School and Sixth Form College.

	Set Weekly	Set Fortnightly
Year 7	Maths, English, Science, MFL, DT, Geography, History	RE, Art, Drama, Music, ICT
Year 8	Maths, English, Science, MFL, DT, Geography, History	RE, Art, Drama, Music, ICT
Year 9	Maths, English, Science	MFL, Geography, History, RE, Option 1 subject, Option 2 subject, Option 3 subject
Year 10	Maths, English, Science, Option 1 subject, Option 2 subject, Option 3 subject	
Year 11	Maths, English, Science, Option 1 subject, Option 2 subject, Option 3 subject	



ClassCharts

You will have noticed that it is essential for you and your child to have downloaded the ClassCharts app. This will enable you to monitor and support your child with their homework.

You should have received your unique log on code through an email or the post. Your child has been given a letter with both their code and your code to allow you to sign up and register. If you have not received this code please contact the school.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information regarding homework, please contact Mr Brookes, mbrookes@colmers.school

Yours sincerely

Headteacher