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




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Dear Parents and Carers

Ahead of the new academic year, we want to make sure that all parent/carers are aware of the structure of the lessons we teach. Lessons have been designed in a very specific way, based on educational research, and ensure that students do not become 'overloaded' with subject content. This structure allows students to retrieve, remember and retain more, so that knowledge improves.

The 9 steps of an All Saints lesson are:

The All Saints Way In lessons we commit to...	
1 	Making links to prior learning through retrieval practice tasks. Then use data to address gaps in learning as soon as they are identified before moving onto new content.
2 	Giving students a 5 minute reading activity at the beginning of the lesson that is relevant to the topic which has been adapted to demonstrate differentiation.
3 	Selecting a vocabulary word that is key to the lesson and provide the definition and some ways students can use the word in order that they are more likely to remember it and use it correctly.
4 	Addressing misconceptions as it is important to ensure students do not commit incorrect information into their long-term memory.
5 	Presenting new learning using small steps so our students' working memories are not overloaded
6 	Ensuring the new learning has been understood by using strategies such as AfL and paired and group activities . There will always be a scaffolded AfL slide to ensure that all students can access this part of the lesson.
7 	Allowing time for independent practice , providing further models, examples and scaffolds as appropriate. Where possible we will try to make learning as active as possible
8 	Ending each lesson with a review of the learning that has taken place.
9 	Ensuring there is always at least one challenge activity incorporated into every lesson

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Student Reports

Year 7 and 8 students will receive their written reports this week. Please take the time to read through them with students so that they are aware of their successes and achievements, but also to help them think about the improvements they may need to make in September. All students in Years 7 to 10 will also receive their Flight Plan which will show how they have progressed throughout this academic year. If you have any questions regarding either of these documents, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

End of year examinations

As the end of term draws nearer all of the end of year examinations are now complete. The results from these are going to enable us to have very clear starting points for all students in September. This also means we will be able to set challenging target grades for students.