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Dear Parent/ Guardian

If your child is in year 7, 8 or 9 they will have recently received a Learning Planner. The Learning Planner forms our home learning strategy and has three strands within it, which are;

- Subject Content
- Proud Projects
- Next Level Learning

The subject content aims to provide concise content that can be accessed at home and linked to lesson content. The learning planner ensures that students are supported to learn content in preparation for their lessons and staff will then build opportunities to recall information in lessons. In order for students to learn this information, there are a number of different revision strategies that can be used and there are step by step guides to these in the learning planner, as well as QR codes to further support students. Students will then be provided with a summative assessment every term known as 'Masters of Recall', which will test your child's knowledge in each subject area.

There has been an abundance of research that suggests that homework for secondary school students can be extremely beneficial. The evidence shows that the impact of homework, on average, is five months' additional progress to a child.

The PROUD Projects offer students the opportunity to complete a project at home, perhaps with families, to explore topics and apply what they have learnt in new ways. The projects allow students to be creative in their approaches whilst providing independence and freedom outside of the classroom. There will be three PROUD Projects to engage with from different subjects and we welcome students to showcase their projects at PROUD Thursday.

Next Level Learning provides students with opportunities to extend their knowledge and pursue topics further to deepen their understanding. Teachers provide students with links to video clips, books and podcasts, which will extend their learning and when students have completed these they can be recorded in their books.

We would ask that students engage with the learning planner regularly, at home, focusing on a particular subject each time. Students are welcome to attend homework clubs in the library or engage with their home learning from 8:10am - 8:25am everyday, where revision materials will be provided. Full engagement with the learning planner will also mean students can access the highest effort grades in Praising Stars, receive praise points from their teachers and also showcase their revision materials at PROUD Thursday in recognition of their engagement and efforts.

Your child needs to bring their Learning Planner everyday and this will be checked as your child crosses the purple line. At Outwood Academy Carlton we expect all our students to engage with the Learning Planner to further enhance their learning opportunities but to ensure our students are prepared for the demands at GCSE level. Please ensure your child engages with the learning planner to embed knowledge and support your child in achieving their true potential.

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