

## Homework 'The Ferndown Way'

Homework is a vital part of your preparation for exam success. In an exam you will be working alone. The best practice of this is the work that you do at home, alone! You will be given several homework tasks each night. This is because we want you to have lots of practice and be very successful. **Research shows that students who do their homework achieve, on average, two grades higher in all their GCSEs compared to those who don't do homework regularly**

We are aware that homework can cause some students to get stressed. There are a few simple things you can do to avoid homework becoming stressful.

### Six Top Tips:

**1. The study centre**

Open from 8-8.30am and 2.40-4pm each day. There are computers, books and staff available to help you with your homework.

**2. Your tutor**

If you are struggling with how to organise your work, speak to your tutor. They can help you with your planner/phone calendar and help you organise which tasks need to be completed when. This will help you avoid getting C3s for 'Homework not handed in on time'.

**3. School email**

Every student and teacher has a school email. If you are stuck with your homework, email your teacher and ask for some help.

**4. Study group**

Lots of students set up online study groups. This is a Facebook/Snapchat/Messenger service that you use to discuss a homework task. Just remember copying each other's work is not allowed!

**5. Speak to staff**

If you are really stuck with a homework you can always go and see a teacher at break, lunch or after school to ask for help. They really don't mind. The most successful students are often here until later in the day.

**6. Use your parents**

Your parents are a good source of help. They can make sure you have a quiet place to study at home. They can help remove distractions (phone?). They can also help you with tasks if you are stuck.