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Dear parent/ carers,

Re- Changes to Independent Study Time (IST)

Independent study time (**IST**) has played an important role in strengthening our academic culture, particularly in supporting homework and independent study in recent years. Now that homework completion rates are routinely above 90%, we are in a position to broaden our enrichment and extra-curricular offer, something that both staff and student surveys show a clear appetite for.

From February half term, we will be removing IST on Tuesdays for Years 7–10. We will provide a wider range of enrichment activities and clubs, as well as more time for students to take part in them. These clubs will begin on the first Tuesday after half term (24th February). A full enrichment timetable will be made available on the College website, here [Extra Curricular Clubs](#). The extra-curricular clubs will be voluntary, but we do encourage all students to engage.

We recognise that some students will continue to need additional support with homework or may face barriers to independent learning. To ensure these students receive the help they need, we will be introducing a compulsory homework club for a small number of students in each year group. This will be staffed by subject specialists and members of the pastoral team, so students can get targeted support with the areas they find most challenging.

There will be a two-week transition period at the start of next half term before the compulsory homework club begins. After this, selected students will be required to attend from 3.05–3.50pm every Tuesday. Students in Detention 1 will be marked present. Students in Detention 2 or 3 will attend their detentions after the compulsory homework club. **Wednesday IST remains unchanged**, but we will keep this under review.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal



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