

11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

In the continued drive to raise standards at Abertillery Learning Community to enable all learners to fulfil their potential, I am writing to inform you of our intention to introduce an after school homework detention on the Secondary Campus from November 2019.

Abertillery Learning Community staff have high expectations and believe that success is possible for all. Learning beyond the classroom is part of these expectations. Research has shown that meaningful homework is effective in enriching, extending and reinforcing the learning that takes place in the classroom. Parental support and involvement in a child's education has been shown to have a significant positive effect on the child's overall success in school.

### After School Homework Detention Policy

- After School Detention will be held on Tuesdays 14:50 - 15:20.
- Once a learner has missed a homework he/she will be assigned to after-school detention the following Tuesday.
- Parents will be notified no later than the day before the learner is due to stay for the detention so that transportation arrangements can be made.
- Failure by the learner to stay for the detention or a parent's refusal to allow the learner to stay after school, will result in the learner being placed in Ready to Learn for one day.

'Homework Guidelines for Learners' are included on the rear of this page.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J. Wilson  
Principal

## Homework Guidelines for Learners

### Purpose

- Homework is an important part of your learning at ALC. The purpose of homework is to engage and challenge you with meaningful and interesting tasks. Completing homework regularly will greatly improve your progress.
- Managing your out of school learning is a great way to improve your organisational skills; an important life tool.
- All subjects will set homework for you.
- You will be set a range of tasks including flipped learning, research, project tasks and reading.
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### Resources

- All teachers will set homework and explain it in class.
- Your homework will be uploaded onto ClassCharts.
- Online platforms to support your independent learning such as MathsWatch, GCSEPod and Google Classroom will often be used.
- It's up to you to have a go and use the support provided to complete it effectively, and on time.
- Ask for help if you need it.

### Steps to Success

- Teachers will set realistic deadlines for you.
- Homework Club is held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Learning Zone from 15:00 - 16:00.
- Your homework will be collected on the deadline and your teacher will record if you have completed your work to a good standard.
- If you do not meet the deadline or if the work is not at the required standard, you will be given an afterschool homework detention the Tuesday following the deadline from 14:50 - 15:20.
- You will spend a day in Ready to Learn if you fail to attend the homework detention.