

19th March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

You may have received the recent letter regarding the research projects staff are involved in this academic year. Your child is in year 9 or 10 and is currently being taught by Mr Bausor, Mrs Batchford or myself – Mrs Haworth. They have been selected to be part of a trial we are running focused on attitudes to homework.

We are looking into whether removing sanctions for non-completion of homework and replacing that with praise for when homework is done will lead to the same rates of homework being completed, an increase in completion of homework, or a decrease. This means that for the next half term (16th April until 25th May) your child will not receive any behaviour points for not completing their homework in our lessons. We will continue to identify on Show My Homework whether they have submitted their work or not, so you can still keep track of it at home. Instead we will be issuing verbal praise and PLEDGE points to reward students who complete and hand in their homework.

We appreciate that there are mixed views on whether homework should be compulsory, sanctioned, rewarded, or set at all. We would ask that you support this trial by answering a short survey on your views of homework and your thoughts on this trial by following the link below. The survey is anonymous and we will not be able to identify you or your child through it.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Spirals-Parent-1>

At the end of the trial period we will speak to the students for their views and look at what changes (if any) there were to the students' attitude to homework and completion rates. Please be aware that during this trial period your child will continue to receive behaviour points for non-completion of homework in the lessons where they are not taught by one of us.

If you have any questions or concerns about this trial please do contact me on the college number or by email shaworth@elycollege.co.uk

Your faithfully



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