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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 and Year 8 Bedrock Information

Some parents of Year 7 and 8 students have raised concerns about the time recorded for Bedrock homework and how this has impacted F1 detentions. After discussing this with Bedrock, we want to clarify how their timing system works.

The Bedrock timer measures **active time**, not the total time logged in. This means the timer may not match the time spent in front of the screen if some of that time was inactive. For instance, if a student stays too long on one lesson without interaction, the system stops counting time after 15 minutes until they move on to a new lesson.

To meet the weekly Bedrock requirement for Year 8 (20 minutes of classwork and 40 minutes of home learning) and Year 7 (25 minutes of classwork and 35 minutes of home learning), students may need to spend more than one hour of total time. We use the timer as it fairly measures effort across all ability levels. Other methods, like counting completed lessons, would be unfair to both struggling and advanced students.

We will continue using the Bedrock timer to award F1s and merits based on time spent. We hope this clarifies the system and helps you support your child's home learning.

Suggestions for Completing Bedrock:

- Spread out Bedrock work over the week rather than leaving it all for the last day.
- Work in short, focused sessions to increase the likelihood of recording active time and improve learning.
- Remove distractions like phones to maximise active time.
- Check the timer regularly to understand which activities contribute most to active time.

Thank you for your time. We hope this has addressed any concerns you may have about Bedrock.

Kind regards

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