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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer break. With the new year beginning for our Year 7 and 11 students this week and looking ahead to next week when we will be welcoming back out students from Year 8 to 10, I'd like to share some information with you about E-Praise and our grouping structure.

E-PRaise

This year, we have introduced a new system for awarding students with reward points and setting home study: epraise. It is website based and controlled by the school to help us help your child stay organised with their home study, track their house points and other achievements.

Your child will have to log on to the website or epraise app regularly to see their home study tasks and when tasks are due. This replaces student planners. We hope accessibility on their phone will help students to be organised. At the end of this letter is the home study timetable so that you can see when your child should be receiving and handing in their work.

To log onto epraise:

1. Go to www.epraise.co.uk and click 'log in' at the top.
2. Start typing 'Nova' into the box to find Nova Hreod Academy and click on that.
3. Then you can log in. Parents need to choose the 'parents' tab on the blue box; students use the main log in route.
4. For students to log in for the first time:
 - a. Their **username** is all in lower case letters. It is made up of the first five letters of their surname (or their whole surname if it is five letters or fewer) then the first few letters of their first name, however many letters makes it seven letters in total, without a space. Any apostrophes in names count as a letter.

For example, Mickey Mouse's username would be mousemi. Donald Duck's username would be duckdon.
 - b. The default password is **Password01**. For security reasons, students should change this after logging on, but please make a note of their new password in case they forget.

Please can all students log on to epraise by Tuesday 11th September.

This is so we can check any access issues before home study tasks are due in. The website is very user-friendly and we strongly encourage parents to log on too. If there are any issues with logging on, your child should go to student services.

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Parental access:

Parents can log on if they have an email address registered with the school. To do so, enter your email address after choosing the 'parents' tab and wait for the email from epraise allowing you to log in. Please contact the admin team at Nova if you need to add your email address to our records.

We will show Year 7 students how to log on by taking them to a computer room next week, but feel free to have a go upon receipt of this letter.

We trust that Year 8-11 students will be able to follow the instructions above to log on, and their tutors will support them in making sure they can log on to epraise confidently.

Once logged on, students can look at how many points they have scored and look at items in the epraise online shop, where they can spend their reward points. The shop will be available in a few weeks, once students have accumulated sufficient points to buy items. Most importantly, students can see what home study tasks they have been set and when they are due. They find these by clicking on 'Me' then 'Planner' at the top of the screen. Home study tasks are always set on the same day of the week by each subject, and due exactly one week later. We designed our home study timetable so that students do not have more than three pieces of work due on a particular day; usually only two are due per day.

At the end of this letter you will find the home study timetable. It lets you and your child know which day to expect home study for each subject and when it will be due. Please see below for advice on support for your child with home study and the consequences if students do not complete it on time.

Support for completing home study

Students have multiple options to help them complete home study in school:

- SEND home study club in the SEN base every day after school until 4.05 pm (including Tuesdays)
- Access to the LRC after school until 4pm every day (some computers and plenty of work tables)
- Hegarty maths home study club – after school until 4pm in SB9 on Thursdays

What happens when home study is not completed?

Class teachers set detention for after school on the day when home study was not returned or was incomplete (the due date). Teachers will tell students in the lesson if they have detention that day, due to incomplete home study. You will be informed by text message that your child has detention that day. If a home study task is due on the last period of the day, the teacher will check the work in the first 15 minutes and any detentions logged to ensure you are informed about any detentions before the end of the school day. At the very latest, you will receive a text message 30 minutes before the end of the school day. Detentions, if required, commence for Year 7 students in the week beginning 24th September; for Year 8-11 they commence in the week beginning 17th September.

These are 45-minute detentions for Year 7-10. Students can receive more than one detention on a single day – they simply stay later, with 5pm being the latest possible time for dismissal. Year 11 students receive a home study detention of 1.5 hours for each missed piece (again, on the same day).

If a student misses home study detention, they will be isolated the following day, remaining in school until 5pm, in line with the isolation policy.

Fifteen or more incomplete home study tasks across the academic year leads to:

- No invite to prom for Y11 students
- No invite to reward trips for Y7-10 students

It is important to us to work in partnership with you to ensure success for your child. Here are some suggestions as to how you might support your child at home:

- Look at the home study tasks set on epraise for your child
- Ensure that your child reads daily for a minimum of 25 minutes when at home, then summarises their reading
- Ensure your child has access to the internet for Hegarty maths, or send them to home study club if needed
- Check your child's quiz books and reading summary book
- Orally test your child on their quiz book
- Provide a calm quiet space to complete home study, free from distractions such as TV, mobile phones or the internet (except for Hegarty maths!)
- Ensure that your child is asleep by 9:30 - 10:00pm and that they have no access to electronic equipment in their bedroom.
- Encourage your child to attend home study clubs available to them if they need some support, or a place to work.

STUDENT GROUPING:

This year at Nova Hreod Academy we have been able to increase the number of groups in each year group, which has reduced class sizes and will have a positive impact on learning. There are now seven groups in years 7 and 8 and six groups in year 9. We have also made an adjustment to the way we group students at Key Stage 3 by placing them in the same group for all of their subjects. This has been done by considering their Key Stage 2 Maths and Reading data and, for those students moving into years 8 and 9, by looking at their two assessment points with us last year.

We have moved away from the idea of setting students to putting them in appropriate groups for their needs, meaning that a student in Group 3 is not necessarily higher achieving than a student in Group 4. It is just that Group 3 could be a group of students who all share a common theme in the subjects they are stronger at or in which they require support.

Students should not worry if they are now in Group 2 when they were in Set 1 last year, or Group 5 if they were in Set 4 as this doesn't mean they have moved down a set. They have merely been placed in a group that is appropriate to their learning needs.

Our teaching staff are trained to ensure that they know the details of every child they teach. They will be challenging and supporting them as appropriate every lesson.

I will be explaining this myself to our students next week in assemblies.

I am very much looking forward to the return of our students in Years 8-10 and have enjoyed beginning to get to know our Year 7 and 11 students next week. We will be publishing our regular newsletter again this year to update you in how they are all getting on at the start of the year.

Yours faithfully



Nick Wells
Head Teacher

HOME STUDY TIMETABLES

Homework is set on the same day every week for each subject. It is collected on the same day of the week, 7 days later.

Year 7 Group 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geography	History	English	Science	French
Drama	RE	Maths	Music	
DT	Art			

Year 7 Group 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Geography	French	English	RE
History	Art	Drama	Science	Music
				DT

Year 7 Group 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Drama	Science	Geography	Maths
History	DT	RE	Music	French
Art				

Year 7 Group 4				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
History	Geography	French	Maths	English
Drama	Art	Music	RE	Science
	DT			

Year 7 Group 5				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drama	Geography	Music	English	French
Science	Maths	Art	History	RE
DT				

Year 7 Group 6				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
History	RE	Maths	Science	English
Geography	Music	Drama	French	
DT		Art		

Year 7 Group 7				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	English	History	French	Science
Art	Geography	RE	Music	
DT		Drama		

Homework is set on the same day every week for each subject. It is collected on the same day of the week, 7 days later.

Year 8 Group 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	History	English	French	Science
Drama	Music	RE	DT	Geography
Art				

Year 8 Group 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	History	Maths	Music	English
Geography	French	RE	Drama	Art
			DT	

Year 8 Group 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Drama	English	Maths	RE
French	DT	Geography	History	Music
			Art	

Year 8 Group 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	English	History	Science	Drama
Geography	Music	Art	RE	
French		DT		

Year 8 Group 5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Music	Science	Geography	Maths
History	Drama	RE	French	DT
Art				

Year 8 Group 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	History	Science	Music	Geography
Maths	RE	DT	Drama	French
Art				

Year 8 Group 7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science	English	Geography	Music	Maths
	History	DT	Drama	French
			RE	Art

Homework is set on the same day every week for each subject. It is collected on the same day of the week, 7 days later.

Year 9 Group 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	RE	Geography	Science	History
Maths	Drama	French	Music	
		DT	Art	

Year 9 Group 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geography	RE	English	Science	Maths
French	Music	History	Art	Drama
		DT		

Year 9 Group 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	English	Geography	History	RE
	Science	French		Music
	DT	Art		Drama

Year 9 Group 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French	English	RE	Science	Drama
History	DT	Music	Maths	Geography
			Art	

Year 9 Group 5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	History	Geography	Maths	Science
Drama	DT	RE	Art	French
		Music		

Year 9 Group 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	Art	RE	History	English
Geography	DT	Music	French	Science
		Drama		

Homework is set on the same day every week for each subject. It is collected on the same day of the week, 7 days later.

Year 10				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option B	Option A	Science	English	Maths
Option C	Option D			
READ EVERY DAY				

Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Art	Art	Business	Business
Com Sci	Com Sci	Dance	Drama
French	Geog	French	French
Geog	Food	Geog	Geog
DT	History	History	History
Health & SC	PE	Music	Photography
PE	Com Sci2	Photography	Triple Sci
		RE	

Homework is set on the same day every week for each subject. It is collected on the same day of the week, 7 days later.

Year 11				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Option C	Option A	Option B	Maths
Science				
READ EVERY DAY				

Option A	Option B	Option C
French	Spanish	French
Geog	Geog	Geog
History	History	History
Art	Music	Drama
PE	Com Sci	Triple Sci
RE	French	Art
Com Sci	Food	Food
Sport		