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Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to mention four items that link in with our Supporting Success agenda:

- "See Your Homework" many of you know, but in case you don't, you can see your child's homework online. Instructions on how to do this are attached ("Parents' guide to online homework");
- "Supporting Success" Agenda see a re-issue of the Supporting Success Calendar attached. This was sent to you at the start of the year, but I thought it worth re-sending in preparation for next term;
- 3) **FOR Y10 PARENTS ONLY**: There is a letter inviting you to our Y10 Supporting Success event on 27th January. Please put that date in your diary and return the reply slip to me;
- 4) Finally, for Year 9/10/11, can I draw your attention to something called GCSEPod. Y11 parents will know about this already, but it is an excellent online resource we buy and give free to your child to help them with GCSE studies. There is a link to the parents page here: https://www.gcsepod.com/parents/ I know the next four weeks will be very busy, but please take some time to look through the information and get your child online and using it – it is great for revision for tests and for helping with homework. I am attaching the "Full parent/carer user manual" as well to help.

May I take this opportunity to wish you well for the Christmas season,

Yours faithfully

Nicholas Simms Deputy Headteacher Twitter: <u>@Depheadprs</u>

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With our school motto "Enjoy and Achieve" in mind, we are always seeking ways to maximise the achievement of the young people in our care. For a number of years we have run Supporting Success Evenings for parents and carers of students in Year 10, and I would like to invite you to the next one on Wednesday 27th January, starting at 6:30pm. This is a good way to prepare for the rest of Year 10 and Year 11 and especially for those science classes who are doing real GCSE exams in May this year (not all do and this will be explained on the night).

The aims of the evening are to give you a better understanding of the English, Maths and Science courses, some ideas and strategies to use at home to help your child revise. We want you to leave knowing what is expected of them when it comes to the real exams. There will be presentations from the Heads of English, Maths and Science with their top tips for success. We will then break out into three 15 minute workshops of hands-on demonstrations and more detail from the department heads.

The feedback we have had from parents in the past indicates they have found this event extremely helpful and informative and I urge you to make time to come! Please indicate on the reply slip below that you will be able to attend the event.

Yours faithfully

Nicholas Simms Deputy Headteacher

I, parent/carer of _____

_____ in form group _____

WILL/WILL NOT (*delete as applicable*) be attending the Supporting Success Evening on Wednesday 27 January at 6:30pm.

Name:____

_____ signed:____

(Please return to Form Tutor)

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	Event	Year	Date	Time	
	Year 12 ALIS EXTERNAL EXAM	6 th	14-Sep-15		
	Year 12 Progress Report1	6 th	23-Oct-15		
	Year 13 Progress Report1	13	23-Oct-15		
	Year 12 GCSE MATHS/ENGLISH RETAKE	6 th	02-Nov-15		
	Year 13 Parents Evening	6 th	26-Nov-15	16:00- 18:00	
	Year 12 Progress Report2	6 th	18-Dec-15		ΔII
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	Year 12 Parents Evening	6 th	11-Feb-16	16:00- 18:00	
Y12	Year 12 Progress Report3	6 th	12-Feb-16		
Y13	Year 13 Progress Report3	6 th	12-Feb-16		
	Year 12 UCAS Evening	6 th	24-Feb-16	19:00- 21:00	
	Year 12 Progress Report4	6 th	25-Mar-16		
	Year 13 Progress Report4	6 th	25-Mar-16		
	Year 12 Progress Report5	6 th	13-May-16		
	Year 13 Progress Report5	6 th	13-May-16		
	Year 12&13 PRE PUBLIC EXAMS	6 th	11–22 JAN 2016		Nev
	Year 12/13 Holiday School - specifics to be confirmed nearer the time	6 th	25 MAR – 11 APR 2016		Y7
	Y12/13 Holiday School - specifics to be confirmed nearer the time	6 th	30 MAY – 3 JUN 2016		

	Autumn Term starts	ALL	03-Sep-15	
	Autumn Half Term	ALL	26 OCT - 30 OCT 2015	
	Winter Holidays	ALL	21 DEC - 4 JAN 2016	
	Spring Term starts	ALL	05-Jan-16	
	Spring Half Term	ALL	15 FEB - 19 FEB 2016	
'n	Spring Holiday	ALL	25 MAR – 11 APR 2016	
5	Summer Term starts	ALL	12-Apr-16	
	Summer Half Term	ALL	30 MAY – 3 JUN 2016	
	End of School Year - School closes at 13:00	ALL	21-Jul-16	13:00
	Celebration of Achievement	ALL	19 JUL	1730- 2000
	Sports presentation Evening	ALL	TBC	TBC
	Event	Year	Date	Time
V	Year 6 into 7 Link days	6	8, 11 & 12 JUL 2016	
	Year 6 - Intake Even- ing, meet Leadership	6	ТВС	16:00- 17:30
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Princes Risborough School

Supporting Success 2015-2016

We are very keen to support all our students during their time with us. We have built up a detailed annual programme of events t0 support them in making the best possible academic progress each year. This leaflet details the events we are running in 2015-2016 to support them (and support you, in supporting them!).

Each year has its own special 'feel' and so the programme differs slightly from year to year.

Please take time to find the year group/s your child/ children are in and make a note of the dates and times of events.

The 'Progress Reports' are the information you get sent about your child's progress to date, something which existing parents will be familiar with.

I'd like to draw the attention of parents of Yr10 and Yr11 students to the 'Supporting Success Evenings' (27 January 2016 for Y10 and 14 October 2015 for Y11). These are excellent evenings for parents to gain an understanding of the work that their child has to do during Y10 & Y11 to achieve the best possible success. Y11 have major internal assessments ('Pre-Public Exams', once called 'Mocks') in November and March.

Every effort has been made to ensure dates and times are correct, and we do everything we can to avoid changing them during the year, but sometimes circumstances mean that variations occur. Please check letters and newsletters nearer the time for each individual event.

Mr Simms, Deputy Headteacher.



	Event	Year	Date	Time
	Year 7 Welcome Evening/Meet the Tutors	7	16-Sep-15	16:00- 17:30
	Year 7 'Settling in' Pro- gress Report1	7	09-Oct-15	
	Year 7 Progress Re- port2	7	27-Nov-15	
	Year 7 Progress Re- port3	7	15-Jan-16	
¥7	Year 7 Progress Re- port4	7	18-Mar-16	
	Year 7 Parents Evening: CH/CQ/PS	7	14-Apr-16	16:00- 18:00
	Year 7 Parents Evening: RW/IN/WL	7	21-Apr-16	16:00- 18:00
	Year 7 Progress Re- port5	7	15-Jul-16	
	Year 7 Progress Re- port5	7	15-Jul-16	
	Year 7 End of Year Ex- ams	7	20-24 JUN 2016	
	Event	Year	Date	Time
	Year 8 Progress Re- port1	8	16-Oct-15	
	Year 8 Parents Evening: CH/CQ/PS	8	12-Nov-15	16:00- 18:00
	Year 8 Parents Evening:	8	19-Nov-15	16:00-
Y8	RVV/IN/VVL			18:00
Y8	RW/IN/WL Year 8 Progress Re- port2	8	29-Jan-16	18:00
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	Year 9 'Settling in' Progress Report1	9	09-Oct-15	
	Year 9 Progress Report2	9	17-Nov-15	
	Year 9 Progress Report3	9	22-Jan-16	
Y9	Year 9 Progress Report4	9	22-Apr-16	
	Year 9 Parents Evening: CH/CQ/PS	9	05-May-16	16:00- 18:00
	Year 9 Parents Evening: RW/IN/WL	9	12-May-16	16:00- 18:00
	Year 9 End of Year Exams	9	27 JUN – 1 JUL 2016	
	Year 9 Progress Report5	9	29-Jul-16	
	Event	Year	Date	Time
	Event Year 10 Progress Report1	Year 10	Date 16-Oct-15	Time
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	Event	Year	Date	Time
	Year 11 Progress Re- port1	11	02-Oct-15	
	Year 11 Supporting Success Evening	11	14-Oct-15	19:00- 20.30
	Year 11 BTEC EXTER- NAL EXAM	11	02-Nov-15	
	Sixth Form Infor- mation Evening - Year 11	11	11-Nov-15	17:00- 20:00
	Year 11 Progress Re- port2	11	20-Nov-15	
	Year 11 Parents Even- ing: CH/CQ/PS	11	21-Jan-16	16:00- 18:00
	Year 11 Parents Even- ing: RW/IN/WL	11	28-Jan-16	16:00- 18:00
Y11	Year 11 Progress Re- port3	11	15-Jan-16	
	Year 11 Progress Re- port4	11	11-Mar-16	
	Y11 Holiday School - specifics to be con- firmed nearer the time	11	25 MAR – 11 APR 2016	
	Year 11 EXAM SEA- SON	11	16 MAY – 1 JUL 2016	
	Y11 Holiday School - specifics to be con- firmed nearer the time	11	30 MAY – 3 JUN 2016	
	Year 11 PRE PUBLIC EXAMS	11	23 NOV – 4 DEC 2015	
	Year 11 FINAL PRE PUBLIC EXAMS	11	7-11 MAR 2016	

Parents'/Carers' guide to finding a child's homework online

Does your child ever say to you "I don't have any homework!"?

You can now check this online and here is how...

- 1) go to prsbucks.com
- 2) Look for the HOMEWORK CALENDAR drop down and select the TRACK STUDENT HOMEWORK option.



3) This takes you to a page where you can type in your child's name to the Student Email box. His or her prsbucks email address will appear. You should also select the year your child is in from the drop down box underneath.



4) Once you have found your child's email address and year group, click FIND HOMEWORK TASKS and all homework tasks that are due in the future will appear.

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	Princes	Risborough School Enjo	y and Achieve Find Homework Tasks		
Please	select their Year group: Year S	\$			
Year	Teacher	Title	Details	Due Date	Link to Homework
Year 9	atuffin@prsbucks.com	Year 9 English Mrs Tuffin Reading	Read for a minimum of 20 minutes this week. Ask a parent/carer to sign your Reading Diary to show that you've completed it. I will check on a Thursday.	2015- 11-26	Click to View
Year 9	nsimms@prsbucks.com	Year 9 Science Mr Simms This is an example - please ignore	Please ignore this!	2015- 11-27	Click to View
Year 9	lbywater@prsbucks.com	Year 9 Maths Mr L Bywtaer My Maths algebra	Complete my maths algebra assessments set, Ask for login details if you have lost them, NO Excuses	2015- 11-27	Click to View
Year 9	nsimms@prsbucks.com	Year 9 Science Mr Simms Transpiration	The homework for w/c Monday 23rd November is: Read the "Transpiration" sheet and complete the flow chart on the back, using what was learned in the lesson on Monday 23rd November. This sheet will be given to you in tomorrow's lesson. This needs to be handed in at the start of the lesson, period 5, on Friday 27th November.	2015- 11-27	Click to View
Year 9	atuffin@prsbucks.com	Year 9 English Mrs Tuffin Poem	Flipped learning task: Read the first 2 pages of the poem 'Julia Pastrana: The Bearded Lady'. Highlight/define key words. Be ready to feedback. Stretch task: Read the entire poem. Research further.	2015- 11-27	Click to View
Year 9	atuffin@prsbucks.com	Year 9 English Mrs Tuffin Reading	Read for a minimum of 20 minutes this week. Ask a parent/carer to sign your Reading Diary to show that you've completed it. I will check on a Thursday.	2015- 12-03	Click to View
Year 9	atuffin@prsbucks.com	Year 9 English Mrs Tuffin Reading	Read for a minimum of 20 minutes this week. Ask a parent/carer to sign your Reading Diary to show that you've completed it. I will check on a Thursday.	2015- 12-10	Click to View
Year 9	atuffin@prsbucks.com	Year 9 English Mrs Tuffin Reading	Read for a minimum of 20 minutes this week. Ask a parent/carer to sign your Reading Diary to show that you've completed it. I will check on a Thursday.	2015- 12-17	Click to View
Year 9	atuffin@prsbucks.com	Year 9 English Mrs Tuffin Reading	Read for a minimum of 20 minutes this week. Ask a parent/carer to sign your Reading Diary to show that you've completed it. I will check on a Thursday.	2015- 12-24	Click to View
Year 9	atuffin@prsbucks.com	Year 9 English Mrs Tuffin Reading	Read for a minimum of 20 minutes this week. Ask a parent/carer to sign your Reading Diary to show that you've completed it. I will check on a Thursday.	2015- 12-31	Click to View
Year q	atuffin@prsbucks.com	Year 9 English Mrs	Read for a minimum of 20 minutes this week. Ask a parent/carer to sign your Reading Diary to show that	2016-	Click to View

5) If you want to see past homeworks, click on the blue SHOW PAST HOMEWORKS button and wait a few seconds; your child's past homeworks will appear below:

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10	atumer@prsbucks.com	Acid Rain	Due in on Thursday	10-09	Click to view
Year 10	aharding@prsbucks.com	Year 10 geography mrs harding revise	complete all key words and meanings. learn case studies	2015- 10-09	Click to View
Year 10	ehomer@prsbucks.com	Year 10 Maths Mrs Homer Fractions Decimals Percentages	Watch videos and complete questions on prsbucks.com, weeks 6-7 on Fractions Decimals Percentages	2015- 10-13	Click to View
Year 10	ehomer@prsbucks.com	Year 10 Maths Mrs Homer Pride in Presentation	Make your books a good presentation of your work. Fill in all STAR stickers, answer questions, ensure you have Title Date and LOs in every lesson. I will take photos and email home of the best presented books. And maybeof some not so well presented books too.	2015- 10-14	Click to View
Year 10	ajones@prsbucks.com	Year 10 Business and Economics Miss A Jones Stakeholder Casestudy	undefined	2015- 10-14	Click to View
Year 10	ehomer@prsbucks.com	Year 10 Maths Mrs Homer Revision	For revision: Complete watching all videos and fill in questions on prsbucks.com, from September. If you need help with specific topics go to http://www.mathedup.co.uk/classes/10n2/gcse-maths-takeaway/ and watch videos and look up the exam questions.	2015- 10-20	Click to View
Year 10	ajones@prsbucks.com	Year 10 Business and Economics Miss A Jones Revise for end of topic test	undefined	2015- 10-21	Click to View
Year 10	vremmington@prsbucks.com	Year 10 English Mrs Remmington Read Chapter 7 and record quotations ready for Thursday's lesson	Read chapter 7 and record 5 quotations about Justine's reactions and comments.	2015- 10-25	Click to View
Year 10	dturner@prsbucks.com	Year 10 Science Mrs Turner Practice controlled assessment	Complete the conclusion and evaluation for your practise controlled assessment on fuels	2015- 10-23	Click to View
Year 10	vremmington@prsbucks.com	Year 10 English V Remmington Chapter 7 quotations	Read chapter 7 and record 5 quotations about Justine's reactions and comments. We will be completing some writing next week where you will need these quotations	2015- 10-25	Click to View
Year 10	dturner@prsbucks.com	Year 10 Science Mrs Turner Alkanes and alkenes	Complete your chosen worksheet from today's lesson/	2015- 10-23	Click to View
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6) If your child says they have done their homework already, get them to show you and go through it with them. Share the learning!



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Getting Started



Follow these simple steps to help your child activate their account.

Step 1

Go to www.gcsepod.com and click 'login'



Step 2

Click 'New Here? Get Started'

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Click here to activate account



Getting Started



Step 3

Select 'pupil'



Step 4

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LAST NAME	Surname	
DATE OF BIRTH	1 - January - 2001 -	
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Start entering your child's school name.

You should see the school name appear here.



Getting Started



Step 5

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Username	Choose a username
	TIP - Don't just write your name as your username. Think of a username that is unique to you and that you can easily remember.
Password	Choose a password
Confirm Password	Retype your password
Password Hint	A password hint, in case you forget

Enter a password and a password hint

Step 6

Unselect any subjects not relevant to their learning

Please set your subjects below. You can manage these in your account settings.	/ Untick any subjects not
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English Language	
English Literature	
Maths	
Biology	
Chemistry	
Physics	✓ _
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The Dashboard



The GCSEPod Dashboard







Accessing content

Step 1

Choose a department



Step 2

Choose a subject





Accessing Content



Step 3

Choose a Topic



Step 4

Select a Title





Accessing Content



The Pod!



Below the chapter list you'll find options for sharing and downloading:









The My GCSEs area provides specific playlists for exams, as well as showing the date of the next exam

Step 1

Chose an exam



Let's keep in touch!

My GCSEs



Step 2

View exam playlist and select relevant title









Creating personalised playlists



You can mix and match different subjects in a playlist







Viewing personalised playlists







Step 1

When to know an assignment has been assigned



Click View to start assignment

Step 2

Watch playlist of chapters selected by the teacher

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Step 3

Answer questions set by teacher



(Questions can be multiple choice or free text)





Step 5

Viewing results

Free Text Questions will be marked by the teacher.

Multiple choice questions are automatically marked. Results are returned immediately.







Viewing results continued......

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has followed a free trade policy for most of the 20th century relies on military alliances for defense against aggression has been willing to cooperate with other nations to reduce world tensions - Correct Answer believes that cultural exchange programs are a way to promote international understanding	
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Correct Incorrect Was the answer correct or incorrect?	
Let's talk about this in your next lesson.	
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