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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Essential Numeracy Skills

During Year 7 Numeracy lessons we are currently focusing on the topic of 'Time'. Nationally, for a number of Year 7 students, being able to tell the time and calculate with time is an area for improvement. In order to support your child with developing their understanding of using time correctly there are a number of things you can do at home. They include:

- Asking your child what time it is?
- Asking your child 'How long until 11.30?'
- When cooking asking questions such as 'We want the food to be ready by 5.30pm, it takes 35 minutes to cook. At what time should I put the food in the oven?'
- Reading bus/train timetables together, asking your child to work out which bus/train to catch and what time it is due to arrive at your destination.
- If the time is, for example, 3.40pm ask them how long until 6.30pm
- Ask your child to convert between the 12 hour clock and 24 hour clock, for example 5.20pm is 17.20 and vice versa.

For those who are more confident with this topic you could ask your child questions about different time zones.

Being able to calculate time is an essential life skill and can also support with punctuality to school and ability to calculate how long there is left in an exam.

If you would like more advice on how you can support you child with essential numeracy skills, please visit <http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/advice-for-families>

Yours faithfully

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