



Avenue House School  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and you are looking forward to a very busy term. As you are undoubtedly aware, this term is very important for your child. They will be taking their Senior School's Entrance exams/interviews in January/February 2008 – and some will be sitting entrance tests for the Grammar schools before Christmas.

It is imperative that your child approaches this term with the right attitude and frame of mind. There is a great deal of work to be covered, both revision and new topics. They will have a considerable amount of homework and I would ask you to consider the following points and discuss them with your child.

- Your child must have somewhere quiet to study at home, preferably away from younger siblings where they will not be disturbed. TV's/playstations in bedrooms are unadvisable!
- It is important that your child has a space to work at – for example, a dining room table or desk.
- **Work must be given in on time.** All homework will be written into homework diaries and I will check these each day.
- **Please check and sign these diaries each day and sign.** They are also a convenient way to communicate with me if necessary.
- I would ask that your child reads everyday at home. This could be at bedtime or during the evening. I would suggest that **you hear** your child read **at least twice** a week if possible. They may read silently to themselves at other times. You can encourage to child to read by discussing what they are reading and assist them with any unfamiliar vocabulary. Please sign their reading record.

As well as practising English, Mathematics and Reasoning papers the children will be studying a variety of topics in other subjects. You may want to further their interest by obtaining books from the library or taking them to relevant museums or galleries. This term's topics are as follows:

History – THE TITANIC

Geography – COASTS

Science – MICRO-ORGANISMS & FOOD CHAINS

Group reading book – SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER

In spite of the academic work load that your child will receive this term, I would like to stress the importance of keeping up the extra curricular activities if possible, such as football, drama, sports, piano, choirs etc. As well as sitting their examinations, the children will be interviewed at their prospective schools. They will often talk more animatedly about things that they are passionate about and it will also generate interest in their written references.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am often available at 8.15am should you need to see me, or put a note in the homework diary.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Kind regards

Imogen McCormick