



Homework is set to ensure students make the requisite progress and deepen their learning by providing activities which contribute to students:

- being engaged and enthusiastic about their courses
- developing good learning habits and cultivate self-discipline
- becoming skilful, independent and resilient learners
- committing to memory core knowledge, vocabulary and concepts
- consolidating knowledge and skills
- extending and deepening understanding
- developing highly effective revision and rote learning skills

Homework will be purposeful (and not just ‘finishing off’). It will always receive feedback, be used for self-assessment OR be used in classwork.

Parents will receive clear guidance on how they can support their child at home. This will:

- give parents the confidence to guide and support their child in their home learning
- strengthen engagement with parents by drawing them into the learning process
- enable students to extend and enrich their learning eg: through research, visits, meeting different people associated with topics being studied etc

Setting homework

Subject Teachers are expected to set weekly homework.

- In Years 7 to 11, mathematics and English will have two homework slots per week and most other subjects will have one*.
- In Years 12 and 13 students can expect two homework slots per week (usually one from each teacher).
- The “slots” can be filled with one or more activities to ensure the time allocation is used productively.
- If no homework is set, students will make a note in their diaries explaining why.
- If students are set a homework project lasting more than one week, students will write their progress aim for each week in the diary.

**There is no homework set for Core PE. In Foundation Drama and Music there is occasional homework as appropriate.*

Homework allocations

It is expected that students will spend the following time on their homework each week:

Key Stage	Year Group	Expected duration
Foundation	Years 7-8	approximately 30 minutes on each slot
Key Stage 4	Years 9-11	approximately 40 minutes per slot
Key Stage 5	Years 12-13	approximately 4 hours per subject <i>in addition to their Supervised Study work</i>



Typical homework tasks (list not exhaustive)

- Rote learning (learning off by heart)
- Guided reading
- Structured worked examples
- Vocabulary development
- Applying knowledge and understanding (eg: problem solving)
- Extended writing
- Topic review/consolidation of notes
- Research or preparation for learning in the next lesson (flipped learning)
- Consolidation of skills, knowledge or understanding
- Practising examination techniques
- Revision for an examination or assessment
- Completion of class assessment
- Extension of learning eg: reading or watching around a text or topic
- Acting on formative feedback (DIRT)
- Creative tasks to demonstrate skills, knowledge or understanding
- In vocational subjects: portfolio development

In addition to directed homework tasks, students are expected to review their learning (and/or PLC in the sixth form) each week, complete any finished work, ensure folders and books are neat and ordered.

Where they still have gaps or areas they still need help with, students are expected to make an appointment with the relevant teacher.

Each subject has provided example homework activities.

- [ART AND DESIGN](#)
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- [CHEMISTRY](#)
- [COMPUTER SCIENCE](#)
- [DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY: PRODUCT DESIGN](#)
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Art and Design

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

- Research the work of artists using appropriate web sites, make notes and print copies, www.tate.org.uk; www.saatchi.org.uk; www.artnet.com; www.artarchive.com;
- Watch You Tube clips such as; "What do artist's do all day", observational drawings in sketchbooks
- Explore a range of media and materials to work these drawings up
- Experiment with photography in a range of settings
- Experiment with materials showing visual analysis of colour, tone, texture and form
- Plan ideas and explore personal outcomes in various forms
- Write evaluations and reflections on your own work in your journal
- At A2 work on drafts for the written personal investigation

Work on your final pieces. Students should support their taught class work with four hours homework each week. Photography students should take at least two new camera shoots each week.

Biology

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

- Consolidate work covered in class using text book between one lesson and the next
- Read the Biology Student handbook and follow guidelines for successful study
- Complete exam-style questions from text book and AQA website
- Research and/or prepare presentation of a given topic
- Learn work thoroughly for tests.
- Make use of the examination and practical support booklets available on google classroom.
- Regular update PLCs when reflecting on your understanding of the content studied.

You will get homework every lesson in addition.

Business Studies

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

- Business Studies online specific tasks
- Research examples to put concepts into context
- Encouragement of reading around subject
- Case study questions
- Complete Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3 and Unit 4 past examination papers
- Taking an interest in current affairs e.g. watching BBC news.
- Complete different exercises using the following websites:

www.examzone.co.uk

www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize

www.bized.co.uk

www.tutor2u.net/revision_notes_gcse

- Explore the Bank of England website
- Read Unit 1-4 revision guides.

Guidance for homework is 30 minutes to 1 hour



Chemistry

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

1. Consolidation of work covered in class using course book
2. Completing exam-style questions
3. Completing calculation exercises
4. Research and/or presentation of a given topic
5. Preparation for tests

Set weekly/ 1 hour per teacher

Computer Science

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Homework is set twice a week, usually involving one of the following:

- Reading around the subject
- Completing exam-style questions
- Research
- Revision
- Coding practise

Design and Technology: Product Design

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Homework is set every lesson. Each piece of homework should take between 30-60 minutes. Homework in preparation for the NEA can be more substantial due to the nature of the NEA.

Homework ranges from flipped learning activities where students prepare for lessons in advance to extension tasks.

Economics

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Economic specific tasks

- Research examples to put concepts into context
- Encouragement of reading around subject
- Case study questions
- Complete Theme 1, Theme 2, Theme 3 and Theme 4 past examination papers
- Taking an interest in current economic events e.g. watching BBC news.
- Complete different exercises using the following websites: BBC, Guardian, tutor2u, YouTube's Econplusdal; Explore the Bank of England website

Guidance for homework is 30 minutes to 1 hour.



English Language

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

1. Consolidation of learning in lesson: recapping key ideas; learning linguistic terms; making further notes.
 2. Linguistic analysis of text(s): notes or essay form.
 3. Internet research on language concepts/theorists.
 4. Preparing presentation to class on particular text or topic (possibly with another student).
 5. Planning/producing own writing for NEA purposes.
- 1 hour per lesson.

English Literature

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

1. Reading of prose/drama/poetry text, making relevant notes in preparation for lesson.
 2. Consolidation of learning in lesson: recapping key ideas; learning literary terms; making further notes.
 3. Internet research on author/text/topic.
 4. Planning and/or writing an essay.
 5. Preparing presentation to class on particular aspect of a text (possibly with another student).
- Homework will be set twice a week (one piece of homework for each teacher. It could take up to 1 hour maximum.

English Language GCSE Resit

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

1. Punctuation/ grammar exercises
2. Learning key terms for analysis of poetry, prose and media texts
3. Reading non-fiction and media texts
4. Essays (or parts of essays) for coursework or for examination practice
5. Preparation for speaking and listening assessments. Homework should take a minimum of 40 minutes per week.

French

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Homework should be set every lesson and should take about an hour to complete.

- Tasks could include: rote learning, listening and reading comprehensions, grammar exercises, translations, summaries, essays and research.



Geography

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Homework will be set each lesson that you have geography and will take approximately 1hr on each occasion. Typical homework tasks are:

- a) Examination questions to complete
- b) Research tasks – finding out about a specific theory/concept/process.
- c) Preparing revision material for new case studies
- d) Group presentations on specific topics.
- e) Wider reading articles to prepare for class debate next lesson.

Graphical and numerical analysis of data to look for patterns.

German

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Homework should be set every lesson and should take about an hour to complete.

- Tasks could include: rote learning, listening and reading comprehensions, grammar exercises, translations, summaries, essays and research.

History

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

- Learning key terminology and definitions.
- Writing essays.
- Completing past examination questions.
- Preparation for milestone assessments.
- Extended reading/research.
- Preparing group and individual presentations.

Homework is set as per the school policy: an hour's worth of homework every lesson.

IT Cambridge Technical

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Homework should take 1 hour to complete and is set weekly

- Use feedback sheet to make amendments to coursework tasks
- Complete coursework tasks as directed in the assignment booklet
- Ensure that portfolio is complete and organised

Law

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Two pieces of work will be set every week, this will consist of additional reading, revision for upcoming assessments, timed essays, and application questions. An hour should be spent on each piece of work. Students will be asked to consolidate classroom learning through further reading, attempting past questions from AQA website. Review their own progress by self -assessing their performance against their benchmarks.



Mathematics and Further Maths

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Routine homework may be set every lesson and will typically be consolidation of new methods covered during that lesson, using exercises from the text book or other resources provided by the teacher. As a general rule it is expected that an hour's lesson is backed up by an hour's further study, whether as homework or supervised study.

Homework may also include

1. Researching a topic for self-study and enrichment
2. Review progress on a weekly basis and take remedial action by referring to worked examples in text book, attending Maths Surgery or seeking help from teachers
3. Revision for tests through completing questions, chapter reviews etc
4. Self-assessment : reviewing of performance against benchmarks

Using and Applying Mathematics

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Routine homework may be set every lesson and will typically be consolidation of new methods covered during that lesson, using exercises from the text book or other resources provided by the teacher. As a general rule it is expected that an hour's lesson is backed up by an hour's further study, whether as homework or supervised study.

Homework may also include

1. Researching a topic for self-study and enrichment
2. Review progress on a weekly basis and take remedial action by referring to worked examples in text book, attending Maths Surgery or seeking help from teachers
3. Revision for tests through completing questions, chapter reviews etc 4
4. Self-assessment : reviewing of performance against benchmarks

Mathematics GCSE Resit

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

1. Researching a topic for self-study and enrichment
2. Consolidate classroom learning through further examples including past papers
3. MyMaths activities including GCSE grade booster packs
4. Revision for tests through completing questions, chapter reviews etc
5. Self-assessment: reviewing of performance against benchmarks and grade descriptors.

Media Studies

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Homework tasks vary depending on the work covered in class. Students are expected to work for an hour outside of the classroom for every hour lesson they have. Homework tasks may include consolidating ideas learned in class by writing notes; conducting research, completing practice questions



Music

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

- Rehearse/ practice for performance.
- Complete compositional techniques exercise.
- Complete SATB cadence exercises.
- Complete short composition tasks
- Research composer/artists of the set works
- Research the history of music.
- Write an essay response to a question on one of the set works using bar number references to support your answer.
- Finishing score analysis from lesson.
- Identifying key words, definitions and examples for each of the set works.
- Learn key musical vocabulary for specific set works and more general Italian terms. Students are expected to work for an hour outside of the classroom for every hour lesson they have.

Philosophy and Ethics

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Milestone assessment tasks, and preparation for milestone tasks (often involving preparation of a page of notes).

2. Reading of texts in preparation for lessons, and to consolidate learning (at A2 this will often be the reading of texts from the Course Reader).

3. Answering questions set by teachers.

4. Interactive and creative activities, for example creation of posters.

5. Active revision of course content (active revision involves tasks like creating mindmaps; writing practice essay plans; making detailed notes from additional reading of textbooks and websites).

Homework and revision should take students at least 1 hour a week for each element of the course (Philosophy, Ethics and Buddhism).

Physical Education

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Past paper questions

- 20 marker analysis
- Learn key terminology and definitions for the topic.
- Write your own mark scheme tasks
- Peer marking on extended answers
- Revision for knowledge tests



Physics

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Each teacher will normally set one homework every two weeks. We would expect students to spend about 2 or 3 hours on the home work.

1. Completing exam-style questions
2. Completing calculation exercises
3. Completing Required Practical write ups
4. Research and/or presentation of a given topic
5. Preparation for tests

This should be supplemented by your personal study which should include:

- 1.Consolidation of work covered in class using course book
- 2.Use of the Physics Factsheets
- 3.Revision Questions (Year 13) on Physics Website

Psychology

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

- All homework's must be recorded in a diary with deadline dates clearly stated. All homework's are expected to be handed in on time. Homework reminders can also be found on google classroom
- Two sets of Homework will be set each week. Each homework should take an hour.
- On top of this there is an expectation that students will also use their time for wider reading, read over their course notes and make additional notes.

Homework tasks include:

- Learning key terms
- learning the key studies
- preparing essay assessments
- answering exam style questions
- applying knowledge to Research Methods questions
- revision for timed essays.

Sociology

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Homework is set each lesson. Students are expected to read widely, making use of the course packs and google.classroom materials in particular. For each lesson, students should complete an additional two hours of independent work.

Typical homework tasks include:

- *Learning key concepts*
- *preparing for practise essay assessments*
- *researching key studies*
- *exploring the news*
- *google.classroom resources*
- *comprehension tasks using research articles.*



Theatre Studies

HOMEWORK INFORMATION

- Learning the meaning and spellings of more sophisticated specialist vocabulary
- Reading set play texts
- Researching the social, historical and cultural context of a set play text
- Writing up 2 sides of A4 notes on a play they have seen
- Preparing a presentation on a key theme
- Preparing character profiles
- Planning and writing practice essays
- Researching a key theatre practitioner (this will include reading articles they have written or articles about them)
- Learning lines
- Writing 'Supporting Notes' as part of the Unit 2 coursework