



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>

## Homework Expectations in KS4

### 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



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- 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](#)
- [BUSINESS STUDIES](#)
- [COMPUTER SCIENCE](#)
- [DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY: PRODUCT DESIGN](#)
- [DRAMA](#)
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**Art**

**HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

1. Analysing the work of an artist using the Content, Form, Process and Mood model
2. Creating observational drawings in tone and colour
3. Using a range of media and materials to develop personal ideas
4. Planning, drawing or designing 3 or 4 different outcomes showing connections with artists work
5. Taking photographs to support your observation studies.

Homework will be set on a weekly basis and should take at least one hour each week. Tasks may vary depending on which assessment criteria the class are currently working on.

Homework can be completed each week in a GCSE support club after school for an hour in the Art department. This club can be attended from Tuesday to Friday each week

**Business Studies**

**HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

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

[www.examzone.co.uk](http://www.examzone.co.uk),

[www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk](http://www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize),

[www.bized.co.uk](http://www.bized.co.uk)

[www.tutor2u.net/revision\\_notes\\_gcse](http://www.tutor2u.net/revision_notes_gcse)

- Explore the Bank of England website.

Homework can take anything from 15 to 30 minutes

**Computer Science**

**HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework is set weekly and changes from theory and practical. Students should practise their programming skills weekly/daily, if possible. Homework typically lasts 30 minutes to an hour.

**Design and Technology: Product Design**

**HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework is related to lessons and consists of a combination of 'flipped learning' where pupils learn the content ahead of lessons and extension tasks relating to lesson content. All homework forms part of the preparation for NEA and the exam. Homework last between 30 minutes and 1 hour per lesson. In the NEA, set between June of year 10 and April of year 11, pupils are expected to prepare research and design work ahead of NEA lessons.



## Drama

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework will be set according to the unit being taught. This will **average around 1hr per week** for most pupils.

Homework may involve:

- Researching
- Presentations
- Documenting their practical work via images
- Annotating work
- Answering exam style questions
- Re-drafting exam question responses
- Learning lines
- Critically analysing and evaluating another groups work or a production seen

## Economics

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

- Complete Unit 1, Unit 2 and Unit 3 past examination papers
- Economics online specific tasks
- Research examples to put concepts into context
- Encouragement of reading around the subject
- Taking an interest in current affairs e.g. watching BBC news, Channel 4 News and the Guardian.
- Explore the Bank of England website
- Complete different exercises using the following websites:
- [www.timesonline.co.uk](http://www.timesonline.co.uk)
- <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk>
- <http://www.ft.com>
- <http://www.euroemu.co.uk>
- <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk>
- <http://www.ifs.org.uk/>.

Homework should be set every week and consist of exam questions; research to support further learning. It should take between 15 minutes and 30 minutes.

## English Language

### **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.



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40 minutes per week. Homework can be in the form of research, learning quotations or essay writing skills.

**Food, Preparation and Nutrition**

**HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework is set on a weekly basis and will usually involve preparing ingredients for a practical food session as well as any of the following.

- Internet based research to find images and details eg name, cost and main ingredients of a range of food products
- Learning and practising for written tests.
- Completing examination questions.

All homework is designed to take the time allocation for each Year group as outlined in the Homework policy

**French**

**HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework should be set once a week and take 30-60 minutes to complete.

Homework tasks could include:

- Rote learning (vocabulary and grammar)
- grammar exercises
- translations from English to French or French to English
- reading/listening comprehensions
- short or long pieces of writing.

**Geography**

**HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Tasks may include:

- 1.Complete glossaries.
- 2.Practice examination questions.
- 3.Photo, map and graphical analysis.
- 4.Mind mapping of new case studies.
- 5.Research for extended questions and coursework.

H/w will be set weekly by the teacher and h/w should take 40 minutes to complete.



## German

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework should be set once a week and take 30-60 minutes to complete. Homework tasks could include:

- Rote learning (vocabulary and grammar)
- grammar exercises
- translations from English to German or German to English,
- reading/listening comprehensions,
- short or long pieces of writing.

## Health and Social Care

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

- Complete assessed tasks as directed on the assignment briefs.
- Research different examined topic areas using websites, TV documentaries, finding current new stories
- Complete examples of examination questions.

Homework is set once a week and should take 30 minutes.

## History

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

- Learning key terminology and definitions.
- Completing past examination questions.
- Preparation for milestone assessments.
- Completing target work, glossaries and personal learning checklists (PLCs).
- Extended reading/research.
- Comprehension tasks.

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

## IT: Creative iMedia

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework should take between 30mins – 45 mins which is set weekly. Students will be set a mixture of research-based, written and computer-based tasks.

## Mathematics

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework should take approximately 40 mins and will be set weekly.

Typical homework may include:

- Consolidating classroom learning through further examples including past papers.
- Completing an online learning assessment.
- Researching a topic for self study and enrichment
- Using the maths PIXL app, Mymaths or Kerboodle or other online resources to help mathematical understanding.



## Music

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Homework is set once a week and tasks could include:

- Rehearse/ practice for a forthcoming Solo or Ensemble performance
- Further development of/ completion of compositional technique exercise
- Research a topic area or genre in support of current area of study
- Research a topic area or genre in preparation for new area of study
- Planning and delivering a presentation (e.g. presentation for the class on your instrument)
- Research a particular composer or artist and create a fact file on this person
- Responding to set questions on areas of study
- Completion of theory-based worksheets
- Completing consolidation questions on the set works
- Learn key vocabulary and Italian musical terms

## Physical Education - CORE

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Students are set a variety of homework activities to help consolidate and reinforce learning and to allow students to practise key skills. One piece of homework is set each week for Theoretical Lessons and may involve learning key definitions to extended writing tasks.

## Purple Pathway

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

This will be set in accordance with English and maths

## Religious Studies

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

- Reviewing and revising the content of lessons.
- Researching different, specific aspects of the ethical issue being studied.
- Sorting and ordering information.
- Personal reflection on course content.
- Writing, crafting and redrafting essay responses to examination style questions. (These may be subject to time restrictions.)
- Preparation and completion of milestone assessments.

Homework will be set once a week and should take approximately 40 minutes to complete.



## Science

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Each subject sets one homework every two weeks. The homework should normally take about 45 minutes and might contain:

1. Consolidation of work covered in class
2. Completing comprehension exercises
3. Completing homework questions
4. Research and/or presentation of a given topic
5. Thorough learning for tests
6. As examinations approach ,practice past paper questions .

## Spanish

### **HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

Weekly homework may include differentiated tasks to practise classroom-taught language, or vocabulary rote learning. Tasks will vary and cover the 4 different skills – speaking, writing, reading and listening.

The aim is to turn our pupils into confident, effective and enthusiastic communicators who have acquired the independent learning skills that enable them to use and improve their second language, not only in lessons, but also outside school. Students are usually given one week for vocabulary learning and written homework. For most pupils this will average up to an hour per week.