

Homework



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HOMWORK

The student planner will contain details of the homework timetable. Parents should check that homework is being completed to deadlines and sign the homework diary to confirm this.

If you have concerns about the homework set, please use the planner to communicate with the **subject teacher and/or Learning Coach**.

Please sign the planner at the end of each week ready for the Learning Coach to check.

- Up to 6 hours of homework each week may be set
- Each homework piece should take between 20-45 minutes
- Some homework tasks may take the form of extended projects that span two or more weeks. Here the expectation is that students spend the equivalent amount of time on their project
- Encourage students to complete homework on the night it is set
- If the student has activities on a particular evening encourage them to plan ahead to be able to complete any homework
- There is a homework club during enrichment where students can get help if required

Facilities at home

- Try to make available to the student a quiet place where they can do their homework
- Many children try to do homework while watching television – please discourage this
- It is useful to have at home a supply of plain and lined paper, glue, scissors and extra pens and pencils etc as well as those they take to school
- Often, especially at the beginning, students will require a little help and guidance with research homework. The internet, local library, the school library and books you have at home can provide information
- Useful pictures can be found in magazines, newspapers, travel brochures and catalogues

Taking an interest

- Look at the homework your son/daughter is doing so that you are aware of the kind of work they are doing
- Encourage them to take a pride in presentation, headings, dates, titles underlined, legible handwriting etc – the school will encourage these things but reinforcement at home is much appreciated
- If homework looks particularly short, or untidy, encourage them to look again and try to improve it
- When doing projects or research tasks, and sometimes for other homework, work may be done on the computer. Encourage them to think about presentation of their research work, some students naturally have the ability to present their work neatly and attractively, others will need a few hints
 - Cut pictures straight
 - Stick pictures, maps, graphs etc in straight. Underline headings and subheadings

- Put work in a suitable folder or make a cover
- Use guide lines for handwriting on plain paper

Bag Packing

Each student receives an individual timetable printed on paper. We suggest this is displayed prominently at home for reference

We suggest that students pack their bags the night before, taking care to include any books and sports kit needed

Many children worry about forgetting things and therefore attempt to carry all their books all the time. This is impractical, so parents should try to alleviate this nervousness by being present for the first week or two when students are actually packing their bags. Your son/daughter should be encouraged to read the timetable, find the books and equipment needed and pack the bags but parents should check with them and reassure them.

Help and Support

As a new pupil in Year 7 you can find support and help from Mrs Howe, Inclusion Officer, in the Hub (C block)