

Teaching and Learning Information

Approach to Homework



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Homework is to improve, practise and extend learning

Our aim is to create consistent routines and a positive culture that supports life-long independent learning

The information below outlines our aim to create a positive culture around homework throughout the school.

Purpose of homework

Homework will be set to improve, practice and extend learning. All homework will be linked to the learning in the classroom and students will gain most benefit from homework when they can recognise the tasks and the concepts are linked to their learning journey.

The format of homework

Homework tasks should usually take around 10-30 minutes to complete.

Homework tasks will:

- Have a clear purpose
- Have clear deadlines for completion
- Be effectively resourced and suitable for completion at home for all students - the school understands and addresses any barriers to completion, such as access to a learning device or resources
- Be concisely and clearly communicated
- Link clearly to classroom learning. Although this does not need to be current classroom learning, students may receive retrieval practice, revision or flipped learning activities
- Be short and focussed – 20 minute tasks are ideal in KS3 and will build resilience for longer tasks in KS4
- Be acknowledged and completion will be logged
- Promote independent learning over time

Support for students

We understand that some students may struggle with time or space or resources to complete homework tasks. In order to make the homework accessible all students can access the support outlined below:

- KS3 Homework Club
- The library provides students with the space either at lunchtime or after school to complete homework

Recognition of homework

Whole class feedback and achievement points provide students with acknowledgement of their work.

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Homework expectations

Year 7	Up to 2 pieces of 20-minute homework every weeknight. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of these is reading and will be overseen and monitored through the E2L curriculum. Subject based homework will be set in the core curriculum with English, Science, Humanities and ML setting one homework per fortnight. Maths will set an hour per week Sparx learning activities Foundation subjects will set occasional homework on an ad-hoc basis
Year 8 & 9	Up to 2 pieces of <u>20 minute</u> homework every weeknight. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject based homework will be set in the core curriculum with English, Science, Geography, History and ML setting one homework per week. Maths will set an hour per week Sparx learning activities All other subjects will set homework on a fortnightly basis
Year 10 & 11	9 pieces of <u>20-30 minute</u> homework every week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject based homework will be set in the core curriculum (English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics) and in each of 4 option subjects taken. Prior to trial or final exams, additional revision work will be expected and set as required
Year 12 & 13	There is an expectation that for every 'taught' hour students should spend an additional hour away from the classroom working on that subject <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 5 hours of homework per fortnight per subject Approximately 5 hours independent work per fortnight per subject <p>Prior to trial or final exams, additional revision work will be expected and set as required</p>

If students want to stretch their own knowledge, they can access extra learning through:

- Ashby Virtual School - <https://www.ashbyschool.org.uk/ashby-s-virtual-school/remote-learning-faculty-resources>
- Sparx Maths and Sparx Reading