**Homework: A Guide for Parents**

We believe that homework is an essential element in effective learning and has an important place in building every student's habits in independence and working to deadlines.

In particular, it will:

* allow students to practise ideas first used in the classroom
* allow students to develop ideas and expand on them further, deepening their understanding of a topic
* prepare students for good habits required for success at GCSE
* strengthen the link between home and school.

All students are issued with a planner in which to record work, write down reminders, and organise their time. Parents and staff are encouraged to make comments in this planner to help home-school communication, and parents should use it to keep in touch with the school if there are any problems.

Homework is recorded on Go4Schools by the teacher with a deadline set for completion. Students record homework details in their planner during the lesson.

**Homework allocation per subject area 2017 / 2018**

This table gives an indication to parents of the amount of homework that students should receive across a fortnight, for each year group.

**Year 10 and 11**

We recommend that students spend approximately two hours a night on GCSE work. This should also include time spent revising topics, even when no specific work has been set.

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| **Subject** | **Lessons Per Fortnight** | **Homework Per Fortnight** |
| English | 6 | 2 |
| Maths | 6 | 2 |
| Science | 9 | 3 (1 per science subject) |
| Option subjects | 4 | 2 |

**Year 9**

It is recommended that students spend approximately 35 minutes on each subject.

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| **Subject** | **Lessons Per Fortnight** | **Homework Per Fortnight** |
| English | 6 | 2 |
| Maths  | 6 | 2 |
| Science | 6 | 3 (1 per subject) |
| MFL | 4 | 2 |
| Technology | 1 | 2 per half term |
| Computing | 1 | 2 per half term |
| Food & Nutrition | 1 | 2 per half term |
| Music | 1 | 1 per half term |
| Drama | 1 | 1 |
| Humanities | 3 | 1 |
| Art | 2 | 1 |
| Philosophy & Ethics | 2 | 1 |

**Year 7 and 8**

It is recommended that students spend approximately 35 minutes on each subject.

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| **Subject** | **Lessons Per Fortnight** | **Homework Per Fortnight** |
| English | 6 | 2 |
| Maths | 6 | 2 |
| Science | 6 | 2 |
| MFL | 4 | 2 |
| Technology, Food , Arts Box and Computing Carousel | 2 | 3 per rotation |
| Music | 1 | 1 per half term |
| Drama | 1 | 1 |
| Humanities | 3 | 1 |
| Art | 1 | 1 per half term  |
| Philosophy & Ethics | 2 | 1 |