

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

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.

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.

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.

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