

What is the purpose of homework?

We believe that homework plays an important role in:

- Consolidating knowledge, understanding and skills;
- Preparing for lessons;
- Being ready for assessments;
- Deepening enjoyment of a subject;
- Fostering creativity and independence .

Is homework actually useful for learning?

Research suggests that homework does have a positive impact on your learning.

How will I know what homework I have been set?

We use an online programme called Show My Homework. A teacher will set you a task and a deadline and this will appear on your personalised homework calendar. Show My Homework can also be accessed by your parents or carers, using a parental log-in, on any web-enabled device. It is possible to set up notifications, so that you can be alerted when homework is set by your teachers.

The website is well-designed and user-friendly. If you experience problems, the helpdesk is very supportive. If the helpdesk is unable to resolve your issue, please inform your form tutor. The address is www.showmyhomework.co.uk

How much and how often?

In Years 7, 8 and 9, you can expect between 20 and 50 minutes of homework per subject per week. The exceptions to this in Years 7 and 8 are drama, PE, ethics, ICT and religious studies, who do not set homework due to the fact lessons are infrequent. English and mathematics will set more homework because lessons are more frequent.

Key Stage 3

Subject	Amount of time per week
Art	20-30 minutes
Geography	20 minutes
History	20 minutes
English	50 minutes
French/Spanish	30 minutes
Maths	40 minutes
Religious Studies	20 minutes
Science	30 minutes

Technology	30 minutes
Total: 4 hours 20 minutes	

Key Stage 4

In Years 10 and 11 you can expect between 30 minutes and 1 hour of homework per subject per week. Purchasing a relevant revision guide for each subject and creating revision notes is also a good way to spend additional homework time during Years 10 and 11. Please speak to your subject teachers for guidance on revision guides. If your parents have any financial difficulties in purchasing revision guides, please contact your Head of Year.

Subject	Amount of time per week
English	30 minutes - 1 hour
English Literature	30 minutes - 1 hour
Maths	30 minutes - 1 hour
Science x2	1-2 hours
Option 1 (which may also be science)	30 minutes - 1 hour
Option 2	30 minutes - 1 hour
Option 3	30 minutes - 1 hour
Option 4	30 minutes - 1 hour
Total: Minimum 4 hours 30 minutes – Maximum 9 hours	

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Key Stage 5

In Year 12 and 13, you can expect an hour of independent learning for every hour spent in the classroom.

Subject	Amount of time per week
Subject 1	3-4 hours
Subject 2	3-4 hours
Subject 3	3-4 hours
Subject 4 (only applicable to students sitting four A Levels)	3-4 hours
Total: 9-12 hours (12-16 hours for those studying four A Levels)	

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Where can I go for help and support?

To enable you to access Show My Homework and have a supportive place to complete work, there is a Homework Hub, with a member of staff present every lunchtime.

The Homework Hub will be in Tech 8, where there are plenty of PCs and printing facilities to use.

Tutor Time

Once a week, your form group will go to your year group computer room. These are as follows:

Year 7	Tech 2
Year 8	IL2
Year 9	IL4
Year 10	IL1
Year 11	Tech 8

During this time, the tutor will check your usage, submissions and statistics. The tutor will identify issues (a student not logging in for a week, for example) and address any problems you are experiencing.

What happens if homework is not handed in?

- The teacher will record completion or non-completion in Show My Homework;
- If homework is not completed, you can expect to attend a teacher detention, or be directed to the Homework Hub in the event of a technical issue;
- If you fail to submit three pieces of homework for a subject, the subject teacher will email or call home;
- A record of homework submission will be available for your parents or carers at parents' consultation evening.