

Guidance for Parents KS3 Homework

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are actively encouraged to develop an after school work habit to support and deepen their learning. We also want to foster a culture where students are proactive in thinking, questioning and developing independence in their learning.

These skills will be essential for success at GCSE and beyond.

Students should spend around **30-60 minutes** every evening and no more than **two hours** at the weekend on tasks which are set by class teachers or, if no specific tasks have been set, independent study.

Students should not spend more than an hour an evening on school based work as it is important that they maintain a healthy balance between work and other activities. If they are regularly spending too much time on homework, please let us know so that we can intervene to make the load more manageable.

Independent Study

Where pupils do not have a set piece of homework, we expect them to reinforce their learning in one or more of the following ways:

- Learning key words, vocabulary, definitions, formulae or subject specific spellings
- Rereading some of the day's notes and reproducing them as: revision cards, mind maps, diagrams, flow charts etc
- Using web-based apps or revision materials eg Bitesize, Memorize, Corbett Maths etc
- Setting themselves (and answering) quiz questions based on their current topics
- Going back over prior learning in previous modules
- Wider reading around the subject eg literature, newspapers, journals, blogs, text books etc.