

Home Learning Statements for Years 7, 8 and 9

English:

The English Department will set one home learning per week, which will vary in nature according to the unit of work being studied.

N.B. a) There will not necessarily be a piece of written home learning set every week.

b) One piece of work may be set over more than one home learning slot.

Students at KS3 will be required to do regular reading from their personal readers and to update/learn spellings. If a formal home learning is not set, pupils are expected to spend time learning spellings and reading personal readers. Parents could sign home learning diaries to indicate that this has been done. Please be aware that although all KS3 students are issued with an A5 exercise book, the purpose of this book is for planning, drafting, note taking and any other preparatory work. This work may be proof read through pair or group work and formatively assessed by your child's English teacher. The piece of work for summative assessment will be submitted on file paper, formally marked and retained in school.

Mathematics:

KS3 have 2 - 3 home learnings per fortnight. Each piece should last approximately 20-30 minutes.

Activities include: -

- Exercises from the Maths Home Learning Booklet issued at the beginning of the academic year.
- Online exercises from our subscription websites.
- Worksheets.
- Learning key facts.
- Making up problems/questions.
- Researching famous mathematicians.
- Making posters of key facts.
- Completing revision questions for tests.

Science:

Pupils in KS3 will receive two Science home learning sessions per fortnight, with an extended piece of home learning once per week. We would expect home learning completed to a good standard to take approximately 30 minutes on most occasions. Home learning tasks will vary according to the topic being covered at the time, but can be expected to include follow-up work from class practical work, completion of specific home learning worksheets, research based home learning and revision home learning for end of topic tests and examinations.

Humanities (Includes History, RE and Geography)

'Rationale' - to enable students to derive satisfaction from completing their learning independently and enable them to pursue challenging and varied tasks that support and extend their classroom based learning.

Time: 1 * 30 minute home learning per subject - (RE, History and Geography)

Type: Tasks will be presented in many different formats ranging from learning for tests; reading a resource to report back verbally; written tasks; Internet research; planning for an extended piece of writing, creative work, etc.

German and French

Year 7 and 8 will have two lots of 20-30 minutes home learning per week, written and / or learning.

Year 9 beginners of French and German will have one lesson per week. This will require a lot of work before the next lesson. This will be some written and some learning. Home learning will be one lot of 45 minutes to an hour. Year 9's will have 4 lessons over the two weeks. They will have home learning set after each

lesson, written and or learning each week (Some weeks it will be three and the alternate week one depending on how the lessons have fallen within the timetable).

Technology

Home learning in Technology is set on a regular basis; appropriate to the specific focus being studied. Home learning is designed to reinforce and extend subject knowledge, to foster independent learning skills and to encourage an interest in creativity.

In year 7, home learning is of a research nature, learning how to research effectively and the tools to use in this effective research. There will be approximately 30 minutes home learning set per week.

In year 8, home learning tends to extend classroom knowledge by use of in depth research and to encourage study skills and awareness of the environment in which they live. There will be approximately 30 minutes home learning set per week.

In year 9, home learning is set to enhance classroom knowledge, extend and reinforce information given in lessons and to encourage independent learning. Home learning is detailed and expansive; encompassing all the skills they have cultivated in years 7 and 8. Home learning would be approximately 30-35 minutes per week.

Physical Education:

None set at KS3

Information Technology:

ICT home learning will be set once every two weeks. Activities will include:

- questions
- research
- planning and design work
- evaluations
- problem solving activities

All of the home learning is on the VLE and pupils will require access to a computer with an Internet connection. Students who do not have this facility at home will have plenty of opportunities to complete their learning by the due date using school computers at lunchtime or after school.

Music:

At KS3 Music home learning is often practical and involves students practicing the music we are working on in class for a minimum of 30 minutes per week. Written home learning will sometimes be set once a week.

Art:

The Art Department recognises the importance of home learning. We believe that home learning helps to provide an important link in pupils learning and promotes continuity throughout our projects. Art home learning encourages pupils to practice their skills and technical abilities and also incorporate their understanding and discoveries made so that they may become confident artists. During the year pupils will cover 6 units. Within each unit the Department sets three home learning tasks. Home learning is therefore set on a fortnightly basis. The approximate time required for home learning is 30-45 minutes. Art home learning provides pupils with the opportunity to research, seek inspiration and learn about new artists and different cultures, to explore media and collect materials and to produce observational drawings.

Year 7 Units: - The Elements; The Portrait (All about Me); Still Life; Study of an Artist; Landscape; Culture.

Year 8 Units: - Still Life:- Wrappings; The Portrait ; Observational Drawings; Landscape - Our Environment; The Artist; Culture.

Year 9 Units: - Portraits - Nightmare; Observational Study: - Manmade and Natural Form; The Surreal Landscape; Study of the Artist; What I can See; Culture.