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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to introduce our updated and structured homework policy for all students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8, and 9), which will be fully implemented from **November 2025**.

This new framework is designed to create a consistent and manageable workload, foster excellent study habits, and strengthen the partnership between students, teachers, and parents in supporting your child's learning journey.

### Why Homework is Essential

Regular, meaningful homework is a vital part of a student's education. It reinforces classroom learning, builds independence, and prepares students for the rigours of future examinations. Our homework tasks are designed to achieve three key goals:

- **Recall:** To consolidate knowledge and embed key facts learned in class.
- **Application:** To use learned skills and knowledge in new or practical contexts.
- **Extension:** To challenge students to explore topics more deeply, conduct research, and prepare for upcoming lessons.

By establishing strong routines at home and school, students develop the organisation, resilience, and time-management skills that are fundamental for academic success.

### Weekly Homework Timetable

We expect students to spend approximately **20-30 minutes per subject** on their homework, totalling up to one hour per evening. You will find a copy of the homework calendar for students and links to the common online platforms enclosed at the end of this letter. Please display this at home to refer to when discussing homework completion with your child.

### A Shared Responsibility: Our Expectations

For this policy to be successful, we all have a role to play. Below are our shared expectations.

#### Our Commitment (Teacher Expectations):

- To set meaningful homework that aligns with the timetable and curriculum.
- To provide clear, unambiguous instructions and success criteria.
- To ensure homework is accessible to all students, using online platforms effectively.
- To provide timely and constructive feedback to help students improve.
- To be available to support students who are having difficulty with their work.
- To support students by offering access to computer facilities in school



### Student Expectations:

- To listen to instructions in class and check online platforms for homework details.
- To take responsibility for recording homework in their school diary
- To complete and submit all homework by the deadline.
- To complete all work to the best of their ability.
- To manage their time effectively, spending approximately 20-30 minutes per subject.
- To act on feedback provided by their teachers.
- To ask for help from their teacher *before* the deadline if they are finding the work challenging.

### How You Can Support (Parent & Carer Expectations):

- **Provide a suitable environment:** Encourage your child to work in a quiet, dedicated space, away from distractions like television or mobile phones.
- **Establish a routine:** Help your child get into the habit of completing homework at a set time each evening.
- **Show an interest:** Ask your child about their homework and what they are learning. This values their effort and reinforces its importance.
- **Encourage independence:** Support your child by discussing ideas, but encourage them to complete the work themselves.
- **Monitor workload:** Familiarise yourself with the timetable below and contact us if you have concerns about the amount or difficulty of the work.

We firmly believe that by working together, we can help your child develop the skills and confidence to thrive. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Yours sincerely,



Rachael Skelton  
Headteacher






## KS3 Weekly Homework Timetable

WEEK	DAY	Y7	Y8	Y9
WEEK 1	MONDAY	English & Drama	English & Drama	English & Option 1
WEEK 1	TUESDAY	Maths & RE	Maths & RE	Maths & RE
WEEK 1	WEDNESDAY	Science	Science	Science
WEEK 1	THURSDAY	Geography & Art	Geography & Art	Geography
WEEK 1	FRIDAY	Technology	Technology	Option 2
WEEK 2	MONDAY	English	English	English & Option 3
WEEK 2	TUESDAY	Maths & PSHE	Maths & PSHE	Maths
WEEK 2	WEDNESDAY	Science & Music	Science & Music	Science & Option 4
WEEK 2	THURSDAY	History & ICT	History & ICT	History
WEEK 2	FRIDAY	MFL	MFL	MFL

**Year 9 Option Subjects:** "Option 1, 2, 3, 4" refers to your child's specific option choices. Their teachers will set homework on the designated day.

Teachers will make the specific schedule clear to students. Many subjects will set homework via **online platforms**, such as SENECA and CompleteMaths, and students will receive all necessary guidance and login details at school. Some subjects also utilise Google Classroom as the main platform for setting homework activities.

	 <b>Complete Mathematics</b>	
<a href="https://app.senecalearning.com/login">https://app.senecalearning.com/login</a>	<a href="https://auth.completemaths.com/login">https://auth.completemaths.com/login</a>	<a href="https://classroom.google.com">classroom.google.com</a>



WEEK	DAY	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11
WEEK 1	MONDAY	English & Drama	English & Drama	English & Option 1	English	Option 1
WEEK 1	TUESDAY	Maths & RE	Maths & RE	Maths & RE	Maths	Option 2
WEEK 1	WEDNESDAY	Science	Science	Science	Science	Option 3
WEEK 1	THURSDAY	Geography & Art	Geography & Art	Geography	Directed Reading / Independent revision	Option 4
WEEK 1	FRIDAY	Technology	Technology	Option 2	Directed Reading / Independent revision	Directed Reading / Independent revision
WEEK 2	MONDAY	English	English	English & Option 3	Option 1	English
WEEK 2	TUESDAY	Maths & PSHE	Maths & PSHE	Maths	Option 2	Maths
WEEK 2	WEDNESDAY	Science & Music	Science & Music	Science & Option 4	Option 3	Science
WEEK 2	THURSDAY	History & ICT	History & ICT	History	Directed Reading / Independent revision	Directed Reading / Independent revision
WEEK 2	FRIDAY	MFL	MFL	MFL	Directed Reading / Independent revision	Directed Reading / Independent revision
	<b>Homework time</b>	<b>20-30 minutes per homework</b>	<b>20-30 minutes per homework</b>	<b>20-30 minutes per homework</b>	<b>30-40 minutes per homework</b>	<b>30-40 minutes per homework</b>
	<b>Setting</b>	<b>Centrally set</b>	<b>Centrally set</b>	<b>Centrally set</b>	<b>Individual teachers</b>	<b>Individual teachers</b>