

HOMEWORK Guide

Why Homework?

Homework checks that you have understood what you have done in class, and helps you prepare for something that you might be doing in the next lesson for that subject.

When doing your homework you will learn:

Independence
How to work at your own pace
Organisation
How to explore your own interests

What is homework?

Homework could be any of the following:

- * Preparing for a lesson
- * Research - finding out facts
- * Writing an essay or report
- * Learning for a test

How should I do my homework?

Find a tidy place to work, a messy desk equals a messy mind!
Turn off the TV. Some people work better with music, some don't
Use your planner, so you know when to expect homework
Organise your time, don't leave everything last-minute
Do certain tasks over a couple of nights. Learn for your maths test on Monday, then test yourself on Tuesday
Don't begin straight after school when you're tired. Have a break first.
Don't start too late though or you won't have time to have a social life
Make the most of local resources - your school library, public library and the Internet are great sources of information
Ask family and friends to test you
Try to work for 45 minute stretches taking 15 minute breaks
Reward yourself for working hard

What if homework is not set?

If homework is not set you should do some background reading or research for the subject in your homework timetable.
This is particularly appropriate for Art, Design and Technology and PE which are subjects that do not have homework tasks for every lesson, particularly when practical work is being done.