

Year 9 Homework Information for Parents

Below is a brief summary of the homework expectation for each subject in Year 9. You can find details of specific tasks and deadlines on each subject's Year 9 VLE page. Pupils should also record homework in their pupil planners.

English

How often is homework set?

Weekly

What sorts of tasks are set?

Homework tasks are always linked with class learning objectives and are often used as an exercise to consolidate and/or extend pupils' learning. Typical tasks might be: research; drafting; self-assessment of a written piece of work; reading; preparing for speaking and listening tasks.

How do homework tasks support learning?

Homework tasks are planned in conjunction with class work tasks so that they always support the learning taking part in class: usually by consolidating learning.

Maths

How often is homework set?

Weekly

What sorts of tasks are set?

All pupils have a homework booklet. Homework will be set from this to consolidate work they have completed in lesson time. Pupils are also on occasion set online homework from the 'Mymaths' website, This is either consolidation work to class work or revision work using the booster packs.

How do homework tasks support learning?

Homework consolidates pupils learning and develops their understanding of the work being taught in class.

Science

How often is homework set?

Homework is normally set on a weekly basis, although it may be fortnightly, depending on the task.

What sorts of tasks are set?

Homework may take the form of:

- Specific tasks or worksheets
 - Prepared homework sheets – available in the orange folders
 - Past ISA papers
- Questions or pages from the revision guides supplied
- SAM Learning tasks
- Clearly identified research tasks
- Other related homework tasks

There may be other more general homework set in addition, such as revision for upcoming exams.

How do homework tasks support learning?

Homework reflects and consolidates the learning that is being carried out within the subject or module and may act as a preview of upcoming topics or as revision for content already covered.

Design and Technology

How often is homework set?

Weekly

What sorts of tasks are set?

- Tasks are sometimes recapping and extension of work covered within lessons; question & answers set to reinforce knowledge.
- Researching and investigational tasks.
- Questions to develop designing skills.
- Problem solving questions, to develop creative thinking.

How do homework tasks support learning?

- Reinforce knowledge learnt during lesson.
- Researching tasks to develop investigational skills when exploring existing products.
- Develop designing skills to improve problem solving techniques and develop creative thinking.

Modern Foreign Languages

How often is homework set?

Weekly

What sorts of tasks are set?

In year 9, pupils are set written work, research or reading comprehensions as home work once a fortnight and vocabulary learning homework once a fortnight. These weeks are usually alternated, so that vocabulary learnt helps the written homework. Tasks are also set from a home work booklet for each module, which is scanned onto the VLE and can be printed out if necessary. Full details of the booklets and home work tasks are always available on the VLE.

How do homework tasks support learning?

Vocabulary learning is topical and websites are normally given so that a range of strategies can be used to learn the words/phrases. Written, comprehension or research homework is usually set to consolidate work, but also can prepare pupils for a new topic.

ICT

How often is homework set?

Year 9 pupils are set ICT Nationals related work to help them with the Skills for Business coursework. There are 6 sections.
Homework is set at the start/end of each section every 4 - 6 weeks.

What sorts of tasks are set?

Ongoing tasks are set relevant to each section of the current unit of work. Pupils plan work e.g. research stories to put into a newsletter, complete a storyboard, finish outstanding coursework tasks and/or improve work to next grade following feedback given on VLE. Task instructions for PASS MERIT AND DISTINCTION grades for each section of the coursework are available on the VLE.

How do homework tasks support learning?

The homework tasks help pupils to plan and think for themselves. They are better able to apply and practise the skills they are taught in the lessons and improve creativity. It also helps them to reflect on what they have done and make improvements, often inspiring them to aim for higher grades.

Geography

How often is homework set?
Fortnightly
What sorts of tasks are set?
The tasks set for homework vary from large enquiry projects, which can last up to 6 weeks worth of homework; to small research tasks, such as find out specific information for the use in the following lessons; revision for assessments in the following lesson and subject specific vocabulary work for revision purposes.
How do homework tasks support learning?
Homework in geography is designed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• build on the knowledge of the key geographical concepts and processes set within the national curriculum• Develop the geographical skills pupils gain during the lessons as well as encouraging them to ask and answer their own questions through enquiry

History

How often is homework set?
Fortnightly
What sorts of tasks are set?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long term Project based enquiries – over 6 weeks.• Historical source based questions.• Research on topic being studied for use in group/individual work.• Revision for Assessments.• Subject specific vocabulary work i.e. to use in a sentence or revise for classroom test.
How do homework tasks support learning?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework tasks are based on the key concepts and processes stipulated in the National Curriculum.• Each task forms an integrated learning opportunity that builds on work in lessons.

RE & Citizenship

How often is homework set?

Autumn term: As pupils only have 1 lesson per fortnight there is 1 written and 1 research home work set in the term. These are both marked with a National Curriculum level.
Following this pupils do a term of Citizenship (spring) then a term of RE (Summer) in which homework is set every fortnight.

What sorts of tasks are set?

The written task is an evaluation question to allow pupils to show the level they are working at.
The project is research based and allows pupils more freedom with how they present and research their work.
RE homework in HA9 varies between research and short written/artistic pieces

How do homework tasks support learning?

Written tasks allow pupils to spend quality time answering a levelled question on a topic which has been covered in class.
The Mosque project gives pupils a more in depth view of the religion which helps in their general understanding for class work.
In HA9 homework gives pupils the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the area being studied and enhances the discussions and work produced in subsequent lessons.

Art

How often is homework set?

Fortnightly

What sorts of tasks are set?

Tasks range from, collecting resources and materials, researching themes and key topics to continuing design ideas or completing unfinished work

How do homework tasks support learning?

By allowing pupils access to other materials and exemplar pupils can be more independent with their class work. Materials and resources collected have a direct impact upon their class work. Homework in Year 9 also supports those wishing to continue to GCSE Art because it fosters a sense of independence and personalised tasks.

Drama

How often is homework set?

Twice per half term.
Homework in Drama is not set on a regular basis due to the highly practical nature of the subject.

What sorts of tasks are set?

Research tasks – related to the topic of study / themes and issues being explored in class.

Line learning .

Written evaluations – set at the end of some modules.

How do homework tasks support learning?

Research – provides extra depth and knowledge to the issues / topics being studied in class and enhances performance work because of it.

Line learning – allows pupils the freedom to experiment with characterisation / dramatic form and not worry about the script / text which they would do if lines were not learnt.

Written evaluation – develops pupils' analytical thinking and ask them to think reflectively about their work in order to progress in the next topic.

Music

How often is homework set?

Twice per half term.

Homework in Music is not set on a regular basis due to the highly practical nature of the subject.

What sorts of tasks are set?

Research about topic related key words.

Self evaluations.

How do homework tasks support learning?

By consolidating understanding and encouraging pupils to reflect on their strengths and points for development