

Homework at Huish

Dear Parents and carers,

This letter sets out the school's homework arrangements which will come into practice on Monday 6th November 2023.

Home work will follow a set timetable throughout the academic year, providing you with clarity and certainty.

Why set homework?

Many studies have shown that homework is an essential component of learning and success in secondary school. The EEF (Education Endowment Fund) state that up to 5 months' progress can be added by the regular completion of homework, with the largest gains identified in secondary schools. Homework provides opportunities to review and revise what has been learnt during lessons. Homework helps teachers to determine how well lessons and learning are being understood by their students. Learning and self-quizzing from knowledge organizers will improve your child's retention and retrieval of knowledge. Homework also gives you the opportunity to see what is being learned in schools. I have spoken with many of you about homework in the past and overwhelmingly you expect your children to be set and complete homework regularly.

What homework is set at Huish?

Homework at Huish consists of learning and self-quizzing from knowledge organizers, reading, online learning, examination preparation and practice and NEA completion. As students move through the school the combination of tasks set will change. However, all year groups will continue to use knowledge organisers and self-quizzing to aid their retention and retrieval of key subject specific knowledge.

How will homework be set and monitored at Huish?

Homework for each year group will be set using a timetable (see below). Homework tasks will be planned and set in advance and published to students via either year group or teaching group google classrooms.

Your child will receive a knowledge organiser booklet at the start of each half term. They will use this both at home and during lessons so it is essential that they carry this with them at all times. In addition, they will also be issued with a homework exercise book. This is used to record their knowledge organiser and self-quizzing work. Completion of knowledge organiser and self-quizzing work will be checked each morning during registration by your child's tutor, who will contact you if homework is not being completed.

Over the coming weeks we will be making sure that all students understand how to use their knowledge organiser and homework book effectively. In the coming weeks we will also be expanding our suite of online learning platforms and resources.

Completion of online learning, NEA tasks (coursework) and examination practice and preparation will be checked by teachers, who will contact you if homework is not being completed.

Independent reading is essential to improving literacy, expanding vocabulary and gaining a broad understanding beyond the school's curriculum. Please can you ensure that your child is reading independently for at least 30 minutes every day. The school's library has a comprehensive selection of age appropriate fiction and non-fiction texts to borrow.

Homework timetable for years 7 and 8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sparx Reader and English KO 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sparx Maths 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science KO 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Languages KO 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music and Drama Homework 30 minutes reading 	Optional additional tasks: online learning, reading etc.
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT and IT KO 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sparx Maths RE KO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History KO 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography KO 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Homework 30 minutes reading 	

Homework timetable for year 9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sparx Reader and English KO 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sparx Maths 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science KO 30 minutes reading 30 minutes online learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Languages KO 30 minutes reading 30 minutes online learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music and Drama Homework 30 minutes reading 	Optional additional tasks: online learning, reading etc.
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT and IT KO 30 minutes reading 30 minutes online learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sparx Maths RE KO 30 minutes reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History KO 30 minutes reading 30 minutes online learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography KO 30 minutes reading 30 minutes online learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art Homework 30 minutes reading 	

Homework timetable for year 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Subject	English	Maths (including Sparx maths)	Science	RE	Option A	Option B	Option C

Homework timetable for year 11

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Subject	English	Maths	Science	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D

What should I do if I have any questions about homework?

In the first instance, the first point of contact will always be your child's tutor, they will be able to respond to any queries and questions you might have and if they do cannot respond directly they will be able to forward your request to the most appropriate member of staff.

What happens next?

The homework timetables detailed above will come into operation on Monday 6th November. We are encouraging teachers to use this timetable to set homework before this date where possible but the move to knowledge organiser and self-quizzing homework will happen on this date. Your child will be issued with their knowledge organiser booklet and homework exercise book during w/c 30th October, these arrangements will be explained to them through the assembly programme. They will also be taught how to use their knowledge organiser and homework exercise book.

I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support of the school and in particular in supporting your child to complete their homework and reading.

Best wishes,

Richard Vaughan