



BEECHEN CLIFF

GCSE Homework Information for Pupils and their Parents

You will receive around one and a half to two hours' worth of homework and/or revision each night, Monday-Friday. It is important that you complete your homework independently and to the best of your ability. Each homework set will have a deadline, which will be clear on Show My Homework. It is important that you meet these deadlines, so plan ahead and don't leave it all until the last minute! If you leave homework until the night before, then get stuck, you will not be able to ask your teacher for help and still get the work in on time.

The purpose of homework:

- i. Homework is used to extend class work and to further develop your interest in subjects outside of school.
- ii. Homework helps you to develop your organisation skills and how to schedule your learning outside of school. It helps you to develop your independent learning skills.
- iii. Homework at GCSE is vitally important in supporting your learning of course material, consolidating what you have learnt in class and revising for your exams.
- iv. There may be occasions when you are set extra work outside of this schedule if you have to catch up for not working in class or after absence.

The type of homework:

- i. Homework is usually set for one of the following reasons:
 - To consolidate class work
 - To research new topics
 - To prepare for a lesson
 - To revise previous learning for a test
- ii. There are many different ways that this learning can take place, including revision cards/posters/ mindmaps; extended questions which follow on from class work; presentations (either written or oral) that show the research you have undertaken; practice essays or questions to consolidate knowledge or try out new ideas. This is not an exhaustive list.

The amount of homework

- i. Maths, English and Science will set you two pieces of homework a week, which should each take you around 45 minute to complete
- ii. Each of your GCSE option subjects will set you one piece of homework a week, which should take you around 45 minutes to complete
- iii. This will total 10 homework tasks a week, with a maximum of 7.5 hours worth of homework over a school week
- iv. Homework will not be due for the next day, allowing you to organise your time and ensure that you complete homework tasks by their deadlines. To do this, you will need to complete two homework tasks each evening.



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To help you manage your time, here is what a typical homework week may look like. Please note that subjects are not allocated to specific days, as you may see your Maths teacher, for example, later on in the week, but the schedule below gives you an idea as to how you might space your homework tasks out across the week.

A school week	
Homework 1 (45 minutes)	Homework 2 (45 minutes)
Maths	English
Option Block A	Science*
Option Block B	Maths
English	Option Block C
Science	Option Block D

*If you take separate sciences you will have an extra 45 minute homework task each week, to allow you to complete homework for Biology, Chemistry and Physics

If you need support with your homework and/or managing your time, you can come to Prep in the Library, 3:20pm-4:30pm, Monday-Friday, where a member of our Learning Support Team can support you with your work.