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Year 8 Homework Information for Pupils and their Parents

You will receive around one hour and 15 minutes worth of homework each night, Monday to Friday. This equates to approximately six hours and 15 minutes worth of homework over a school week. 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 classwork 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. 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 classwork
 - 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 classwork; 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.

Weekly/Fortnightly Homework

- i. Your subject teachers will set you homework on a weekly or fortnightly basis, depending on the amount of curriculum time each subject has
- ii. English, Maths and Science will set you a weekly homework which should take approximately 45 minutes to complete
- iii. Technology, French, History, Geography, RPE and your second language (German/Italian/Spanish) will set you a weekly homework which should take approximately 30 minutes to complete
- iv. Art and IT and Computing will set you a fortnightly homework (once every two weeks) which should take approximately 30 minutes to complete

Project Work

This September, we have introduced project based homework to some subjects (English, History, Geography, RPE and IT and Computing) for **year 7 students**. The purpose of this change is to ensure



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that homework is more manageable for students, and allows them to explore an element of the curriculum through independent learning, in a greater level of detail. We will be reviewing how this goes with teachers, parents and students before Christmas, with the view to possibly introducing this style of homework **for year 8 students in January 2021**.

Managing your time

Your teachers will ensure you have ample time to complete your homework (we will endeavour to give you a full week for most homework tasks), so make sure you plan your time and space your homework out.

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.

Week 1	
Homework 1	Homework 2 (30 minutes)
English (45 minutes)	History
Maths (45 minutes)	Geography
Science (45 minutes)	RPE
French (30 minutes)	German/Italian/Spanish
Technology (30 minutes)	Art
Week 2	
Homework 1	Homework 2 (30 minutes)
English (45 minutes)	History
Maths (45 minutes)	Geography
Science (45 minutes)	RPE
French (30 minutes)	German/Italian/Spanish
Technology (30 minutes)	IT and Computing

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.