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Homework Information for Parents 2023-24

Please read this document alongside the MNSP Trust Secondary Homework Policy:

 Homework Policy (Secondary).pdf

The purpose of homework:

- i. Homework is used to extend classwork and to further develop interest in subjects outside of school.
- ii. Homework helps to develop organisation skills and how to schedule learning outside of school. It helps to develop independent learning skills.
- iii. There may be occasions when your child is set work outside of this schedule, for example if they did not complete work in class due to a lack of focus, or following 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 undertaken; practice essays or questions to consolidate knowledge or try out new ideas. This is not an exhaustive list.

Google Classroom

- i. All homework is set on Google Classroom. Pupils in Years 7-10 also record which subjects they have homework for and when it is due in in their planners.
- ii. Wherever possible, pupils will have one week to complete their homework. Homework will not generally be set for the next day.
- iii. In most cases, pupils will be expected to complete their work in their exercise books and hand it in in class. There may be occasions when it is



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acceptable to submit work electronically on Google Classroom. This will be directed by the class teacher.

Homework Support and Sanctions for Pupils

- i. Homework Support is available for all pupils in the Library, 3:15-4:15pm, Monday-Friday, where a member of our Learning Support Team is available to support with homework.
- ii. Pupils will receive positives as rewards for high quality work.
- iii. If pupils fail to hand in homework, the following process will be followed:
 1. H1 issued and logged. Pupil directed to bring the homework either the next day or the next lesson (at the discretion of the class teacher)
 2. If pupils fail to bring the homework as directed, a H2 will be issued and logged. The pupil will receive a 15 minute detention, at a time directed by the class teacher (break time, lunch time, after school). The pupil will complete the missing homework in the detention
 3. If pupils fail to show up for their detention, they will be issued a C3 detention, for 1 hour after school
 4. If a pupil gets three H1s in an individual subject in a term, they will receive a H2 (15 minute) detention. Heads of Year will have an overview and will intervene via tutors if pupils appear to have ongoing organisation issues.

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Year 7

Project Work

- English, History, Geography, RPE and IT and Computing will set project work. This will involve a larger piece of work set for a 2-3 week period, which will allow pupils to explore an area of these subjects in greater detail. Extended projects also help pupils to develop their independent learning and time management skills
- Projects will be broken down into smaller tasks to help guide learning
- Approximately 4.5 hours is allocated to each project, over a three week period.

Weekly/Fortnightly Homework

- Maths, Science, Languages and Technology will set smaller, more regular homework tasks on a weekly basis. Each task should take approximately 30 minutes to complete
- Art will set one 30 minute homework task a fortnight
- Year 7 will also complete two 30 minute reading homeworks each week. This is monitored by tutors in a fortnightly reading session and by English teachers in Library lessons, who will ensure pupils complete quizzes on Accelerated Reader for the books they read in this homework time. Pupils will also be expected to keep a reading log in their study planners

Suggested Year 7 Homework schedule:

Week 1	
Homework 1 (30 minutes)	Homework 2 (30 minutes)
Maths	Reading
Technology	Project
Languages	Reading
Science	Project
Open Homework*	Project
Week 2	
Homework 1 (30 minutes)	Homework 2 (30 minutes)
Maths	Project
Science	Reading



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Languages	Project
Art	Reading
Open Homework*	Project

*At times, teachers may need to set small pieces of homework in addition to the homework timetable, such as measuring out and preparing food for Food Technology practical lessons, revising for an end of unit test or practising some spellings. This has been allowed for in an 'Open Homework' session on the Year 7 homework schedule.

Homework Project Schedule for Year 7

Term 1: 5th September – 20th October - (7 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
	Computing			English		

Term 2: 30th October – 22nd December (8 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Geography			History			RPE	

Term 3: 4th January – 9th February (6 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
English			Computing		Revision Week

Term 4: 19th February – 28th March (6 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Geography			History		



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Term 5 – 18th April – 26th May (6 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
RPE		Revision Fortnight		Year 7 Exams Week	Reading week

Term 6 – 5th June – Thursday 20th July (7 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
English			Languages Science*			Activities Week

*Languages and Science will set weekly homework tasks throughout the year. For the final three weeks of Year 7, pupils will carry out a cultural project in Languages and a research project in Science, so they will be set some research tasks for both of these subjects to supplement these fun end of year projects.



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Year 8

Project Work

- English, History, Geography, RPE and IT and Computing will set project work. This will involve a larger piece of work set for a 2-3 week period, which will allow pupils to explore these subjects in greater detail. Extended projects also help pupils to develop their independent learning and time management skills
- Projects are broken down into smaller tasks to help guide learning
- Approximately 4.5-6.5 hours is allocated to each project, depending on whether the project is set over a two or three week period

Weekly/Fortnightly Homework

- Maths, Science, Languages and Tech will set smaller, more regular homework tasks on a weekly basis. Pupils should spend 45 minutes completing these tasks.
- Art will set one 45 minute homework task a fortnight
- Year 8 will also complete two 45 minute reading homeworks each week. This is monitored by tutors in a fortnightly reading session and by English teachers in Library lessons, who will ensure pupils complete quizzes on Accelerated Reader for the books they read in this homework time. Pupils will also be expected to keep a reading log in their study planners

Suggested Year 8 Homework schedule:

Week 1	
Homework 1 (45 minutes)	Homework 2 (45 minutes)
Maths	German/Italian/Spanish
Technology	Project
French	Reading
Science	Project
Open Homework*	Project
Week 2	
Homework 1 (45 minutes)	Homework 2 (45 minutes)
Maths	German/Italian/Spanish
Science	Reading



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French	Project
Art	Project
Open Homework*	Project

*At times, teachers may need to set small pieces of homework in addition to the homework timetable, such as measuring out and preparing food for Food Technology practical lessons, revising for an end of unit test or practising some spellings. This has been allowed for in an 'Open Homework' session on the Year 8 homework schedule.

Homework Project Schedule for Year 8

Term 1: 5th September – 20th October - (7 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
	RPE			Geography		

Term 2: 30th October – 22nd December (8 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
English			Computing			Geography	

Term 3: 4th January – 9th February (6 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Geography		History			Revision week

Term 4: 19th February – 28th March (6 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
English			RPE		

Term 5 – 18th April – 26th May (6 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Computing			Revision fortnight		Exams Week



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Term 6 – 5th June – Thursday 20th July (7 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
English			History			Activities Week



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Year 9

Year 9 will be set projects for options subjects in Terms 1 and 2, alongside weekly homeworks for core subjects. Once option choices have been made, Year 9 will move to a weekly homework schedule for Terms 3-6, to prepare them for a more rigorous homework schedule at GCSE.

Terms 1 and 2

Project Work

- Options subjects will set project work. This will involve a larger piece of work set for a 2 week period, which will allow pupils to explore an area of options subjects in greater detail
- Projects are broken down into smaller tasks to help guide learning
- Approximately 4.5 hours is allocated to each project, over a two week period.

Weekly/Fortnightly Homework

- i. English, Maths and Science will set a weekly homework which should take approximately 1 hour to complete
- ii. Technology, French and German/Italian/Spanish will set a weekly homework which should take approximately 45 minutes to complete
- iii. Art will set a fortnightly homework which should take approximately 45 minutes to complete
- iv. All Year 9 pupils are expected to read for at least 45 minutes per week. This will be set on Google Classroom by English teachers and recorded by pupils in their study planners on a weekly basis. When pupils finish a book, they should go to the Library to do a quiz on Accelerated Reader and record their finished book in the back of their planner



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Suggested structure for Year 9:

Week 1	
Homework 1	Homework 2 - (45 minutes)
English (1 hour)	Project
Maths (1 hour)	Project
Science (1 hour)	Project
French (45 minutes)	German/Italian/Spanish
Technology (45 minutes)	Art
Week 2	
Homework 1	Homework 2 - (45 minutes)
English (1 hour)	Project
Maths (1 hour)	Project
Science (1 hour)	Project
French (45 minutes)	German/Italian/Spanish
Technology (45 minutes)	Open Homework*

*At times, teachers may need to set small pieces of homework in addition to the homework timetable, such as measuring out and preparing food for Food Technology practical lessons, revising for an end of unit test or practising some spellings. This has been allowed for in an 'Open Homework' session on the Year 9 homework schedule.

Term 1: 5th September – 20th October - (7 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
	History		Geography		RPE	

Term 2: 30th October – 22nd December (8 weeks)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Music		Computing		PE		Creative Design	



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Terms 3-6

- i. English, Maths and Science will set a weekly homework which should take approximately 1 hour to complete
- ii. Technology, French, History, Geography, RPE and your second language (German/Italian/Spanish) will set a weekly homework which should take approximately 45 minutes to complete
- iii. Art and IT and Computing will set a fortnightly homework which should take approximately 45 minutes to complete

Suggested structure for Year 9:

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



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GCSE

- i. Maths, English and Science will set two pieces of homework a week, which should each take around 1 hour to complete
- ii. GCSE option subjects will set one piece of homework a week, which should take around 1 hour to complete
- iii. This will total 10 homework tasks a week, with a maximum of 10 hours worth of homework over a school week
- iv. Pupils are advised to spend an additional 2 hours per week reviewing over classwork and completing their own independent revision

Suggested structure for GCSE students:

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

*If students take separate sciences, they will have an extra 1 hour homework task each week, to allow them to complete homework for Biology, Chemistry and Physics

If you have any queries around homework, please contact the Head of Faculty or class teacher by emailing headteacher@beechencliff.org.uk, or if it is a more general query, Ms Sophie Sullivan at ssullivan@beechencliff.org.uk.

S. Sullivan, September 2023