

A handy guide to homework

How much homework should I expect my child to complete per week?

The expectations around homework at this stage of their GCSE are that students should be completing 2 hours per night in the working week. This roughly equates to an hour per GCSE subject per week. Core subjects may set more than this: mathematics are setting 90-minutes a week on Sparx Maths in these final weeks for example.

What can I do to support my child to complete their homework?

There is no silver bullet here: this final push towards GCSE examinations is hard work. Students find it helpful to have a quiet space where they can complete their work and the same dedicated time set aside to complete it each day – a time perhaps where they do not have access to their phone.

You may want to monitor what they are set and make sure they are not adopting working patterns that are excessive or where they are not sleeping as it can be stressful time. There are more suggestions about good study skills and habits to make sure students exercise and stay well and healthy through what can be a stressful time in the 'Handy Revision Guide'.

What support can the school offer for students to complete their homework?

Subject teachers set homework regularly and routinely. We have provided an overview of the types of homework each subject will set here. We expect subject homework to be set and due in on the same day each week, and for students to have at least a week to complete the homework. We intend that this will help students to keep organised.

All homework should be revision homework or preparation for a forthcoming NEA component of a GCSE/BTEC course. Completing the revision homework set each week will be the core minimum expectation: we have ensured that homework is set as a revision task so that all homework will contribute to their wider revision programme.

Supervised homework support sessions on Mondays and Thursdays. Any Year 11 student who wishes to use some of their lunchtime to study will be able to do so. We may also direct students to complete homework during some of their lunchtime if they have missed a deadline.

Year 11 Summary Homework Grid

Easter Term 2025

WB 13 January – Week A	
Subject	Task
English	Students are being set a revision HW on the content and quotations in Romeo and Juliet– this will be tested in class.
Maths	90 minutes of Sparx Maths questions.
Science	Bespoke homework for each class set on Sparx Science with a common deadline. Content chosen based on knowledge gaps identified from mock data analysis from November and Y10 Summer.
History	Create profiles for Mughal Emperors Akbar and Jahangir.
Geography	Homework revising Desertification.
Religious Education	Seneca quizzes 2.2 on Christian Beliefs.
French	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Spanish	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Physical Education (GCSE)	Seneca quizzes on Aerobic and Anaerobic Systems, Media and Commercialisation 2.
Sport (BTEC)	Revision sheet to recap knowledge on Fitness tests.
Design and Technology	Exam question on Costings. Product evaluation question (6 mark).
Food	Sustainability Revision Homework.
Computer Science	Exam question practice – past paper.
Business Studies	Homework consolidating a Year 10 topic.
Art	Three drawings relating to chosen theme. These can combine materials e.g., pen and watercolour. 1.5 hours minimum. Extension tasks: 10-minute drawing a day challenge. Annotation of work to date explaining what you are recording and why, as well as what you have learnt from these drawings and wish to develop further e.g. scale/media/subject matter.
Drama	Preparation for dramatic performance.
Music	Practice for Performance NEA (20 minutes a day 5x a week). Revision quizzes around key terminology.

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WB 20 January – Week B	
Subject	Task
English	Students are being set a revision HW on the content and quotations in Power and conflict poetry – this will be tested in class.
Maths	90 minutes of Sparx Maths questions.
Science	Bespoke homework for each class set on Sparx science with a common deadline. Content chosen based on knowledge gaps identified from mock data analysis from November and Y10 Summer.
History	Create profiles for Mughal Emperors Shah Jahan and Aurangzeb.
Geography	Homework revising London CS.
Religious Education	Seneca 2.3 on Christian Beliefs.
French	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Spanish	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Physical Education (GCSE)	Seneca quizzes on components of fitness sponsorship.
Sport (BTEC)	Revision sheet to recap knowledge on FITT principle.
D and T	Area and volume exam questions. 8 Mark question (sustainability).
Food	Cereals Revision Homework.
Business Studies	Homework consolidating a Year 10 topic.
Computer Science	Exam question practice – past paper.
Art	(Creative) photography to support project work. Artist analysis of 2 relevant and varied artists. 40 minutes each- using department writing frame. Extension-explore artists style using your own imagery-small scale, where appropriate, to save time. When doing so, demonstrate an imaginative approach to composition/material use etc.
Drama	Preparation for dramatic performance.
Music	Practice for Performance NEA (20 minutes a day 5x a week). Revision quizzes around key terminology.

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WB 27 January – Week A	
Subject	Task
English	Students are being set a revision HW on the content and quotations in Jekyll and Hyde– this will be tested in class.
Maths	90 minutes of Sparx Maths questions.
Science	Bespoke homework for each class set on Sparx science with a common deadline. Content chosen based on knowledge gaps identified from mock data analysis from November and Y10 Summer.
History	Write narrative account for Babur (30 mins) and Humayun (30 mins) (these tasks are based on exam-style questions).
Geography	Homework revising Coastal Processes and Management.
Religious Education	Seneca 2.4 on Christian Practices.
French	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Spanish	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Physical Education (GCSE)	Seneca quizzes on planes of movement and sponsorship and its impacts.
Sport (BTEC)	Revision sheet to recap knowledge on additional principles.
D and T	Tessellation questions and Manufacturing Processes diagrams.
Food	Nutrition Revision Homework.
Business Studies	Examination paper practice.
Computer Science	Exam question practice – past paper.
Art	(Creative) photography to support project work. Artist analysis of 2 relevant and varied artists. 40 minutes each- using a writing frame. Extension-explore artists style using your own imagery-small scale, where appropriate, to save time. When doing so, demonstrate an imaginative approach to composition/material use etc.
Drama	Preparation for dramatic performance.
Music	Practice for Performance NEA (20 minutes a day 5x a week). Revision quizzes around key terminology.

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WB 3 February – Week A	
Subject	Task
English	Students are being set a revision HW on the content and quotations in Romeo and Juliet – this will be tested in class.
Maths	90 minutes of Sparx Maths questions.
Science	Bespoke homework for each class set on Sparx science with a common deadline. Content chosen based on knowledge gaps identified from mock data analysis from November and Y10 Summer.
History	Write narrative account for Akbar (30 mins) and Jahangir (30 mins) These tasks are based on exam-style questions.
Geography	Homework revising Development.
Religious Education	Seneca Quizzes 4.1 and 4.2 on Islamic Beliefs.
French	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Spanish	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Physical Education (GCSE)	Seneca quizzes on Axis of rotation and Arguments for sponsorship.
Sport (BTEC)	Revision sheet to recap knowledge on aerobic/ anaerobic.
D and T	Finishing Techniques Diagramming 4-6 mark questions.
Food	Obesity Revision Homework.
Business Studies	Exam question practice - past paper.
Computer Science	Exam question practice – past paper.
Art	Mock preparation including creative photography/material collection/ sketching from primary sources/ a smaller but timed version of your plan. Remember the mock piece is intended to be the result of your research so far and not a 'standalone' piece of Art. There should be links to at least <u>two</u> different artists-use some of the artists you have analysed previously in this project to help you.
Drama	Preparation for dramatic performance.
Music	Practice for Performance NEA (20 minutes a day 5x a week). Revision quizzes around key terminology.

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WB 10 February	
Subject	Task
English	Students are being set a revision HW on the content and quotations in Power and Conflict poetry – this will be tested in class.
Maths	90 minutes of Sparx Maths questions.
Science	Bespoke homework for each class set on Sparx science with a common deadline. Content chosen based on knowledge gaps identified from mock data analysis from November and Y10 Summer.
History	Write narrative account for Shah Jahan (30 mins) and Aurangzeb (30 mins). These tasks are based on exam-style questions.
Geography	Homework revising Climate Change.
Religious Education	Seneca quizzes 4.3 on Islamic Practices.
French	Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Spanish	Speaking exam revision (general conversation). Speaking exam revision (general conversation).
Physical Education (GCSE)	Past paper practice for Paper 2.
Sport (BTEC)	Revision sheet to recap knowledge on training HR zones.
D and T	Systems and mechanical machine motion. 4–6-mark questions.
Food	Vegetarian/Vegan Revision Homework.
Business Studies	Exam question practice – past paper.
Computer Science	Exam question practice – past paper.
Art	Mock preparation including creative photography/material collection/ sketching from primary sources/ a smaller but timed version of your plan. Remember the mock piece is intended to be the result of your research so far and not a 'standalone' piece of Art. There should be links to at least <u>two</u> different artists-use some of the artists you have analysed previously in this project to help you.
Drama	Preparation for dramatic performance.
Music	Practice for Performance NEA (20 minutes a day 5x a week) Revision quizzes around key terminology.