

Weekly home-learning information

Rationale;

It is our belief that home-learning enhances student learning, improves achievement and develops students' study skills and as such is an integral part of the curriculum. Home-learning is not an optional extra, it is an essential part of a good education.

What will home-learning look like?

Learning can be defined as the permanent alteration to our long term memory, in order to remember the core and important knowledge, students need to revise, practice, repeat and rehearse the main principles for each subject. For this reason, students will receive weekly 'knowledge checks' which are essentially a bank of questions that link to content already learned. Questions will be completed online. Students are also expected to read a book of their choice each week.

Frequency and duration:

Students will receive one piece of home-learning per subject every week.

- 15 minutes for subjects in KS3
- 20 minutes for core subjects in KS4
- 100 minutes of reading per week (5 x 20 minute sessions)

All home-learning will have a deadline of one week, each subject will have designated homework day in which the home-learning task is set.

Marking and feedback

Home learning is completed online with questions automatically marked in the majority of cases. Student responses will be viewed by teachers once the deadline has passed who will then provide appropriate feedback during lessons.

Setting and recording homework;

It is the teacher's responsibility to ensure all homework is recorded on Go 4 Schools and the school website (Subject bubbles under this information) It is the pupil's responsibility to complete homework with negative behaviour points accrued for non-completion.

Cognitive Science

Cognitive Science is the study of how pupils learn and remember the core knowledge. Studies suggest that spaced retrieval (revisiting content at a later date to top up knowledge) aids knowledge retention, for this reason, pupils home learning will link to prior learning in addition to the content currently being taught.

How can parents help?

Ensure students have a designated quiet place to complete their homework and develop a clear routine for its completion

Take an interest in and help test student's knowledge.