



Dear Parent/ Carer,

Here at SWR we place great value in students continuing their learning beyond the classroom and students are regularly given purposeful and meaningful activities to engage with as homework. Homework is issued to students through ClassCharts and all tasks will come with details of the importance of the homework and the feedback that will be given to students to help you support your child at home.

Tasks are designed so that students can complete them independently and they are expected to do so. However, we recognise that some students may call on you at home for guidance and help. Some students may also need assistance in organising their time at home to allow them to complete work and meet deadlines. Thank you in advance for your support in this. To provide further support, we run a homework club twice a week after school on a Monday and Thursday for any student who would like a focused environment in school and some support from staff.

KS3

Students in Key stage 3 have a combination of weekly homeworks and longer extended projects.

Weekly Homework

A small number of subjects assign homework to students on a weekly basis. A weekly homework should take approximately 30 minutes to complete and students will have one week to complete it.

Weekly Homework		
Science (year 9 only)	Maths	Modern Languages

Extended Projects

Other subjects follow a model of **Extended Learning Projects**. These are more in-depth than the weekly homework tasks and will often require students to investigate a topic area before completing a piece of work on said topic. They should take considerably longer than a weekly homework to complete. For Year 7 this would be around 1hr 15 mins, Year 8 1hr 30 mins and Year 9 approximately 1hr 45 minutes. Students will have a minimum of 2 weeks to complete extended learning homework and the deadline for completion will be clearly communicated to students and parents via Classcharts.

Issued Week Commencing	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
w.b. Monday 5th September						
w.b. Monday 12th September						
w.b. Monday 19th September			RE	DT	English	Art
w.b. Monday 26th September						
w.b. Monday 3rd October					History	
w.b. Monday 10th October	Geography	Science	English	Science	History	
w.b. Monday 17th October					History	
	Half term					
Monday 31st October	Art, English	DT	History		Geography	
Monday 7th November					Geography	
Monday 14th November	RE	History	Geography	Art	DT	
Monday 21st November					DT	
Monday 28th November	Science		Science		RE	
Monday 5th December	Science		Science		RE	
Monday 12th December	Science		Science		RE	

Drama, Music and Computer Science do not set regular homeworks however they may set students revision tasks prior to an assessment.

KS4

At KS4, students will be set weekly homework for each GCSE course (30 minutes minimum). We want our KS4 homework tasks to build student understanding of how to revise effectively, and as such we will categorise them into tasks that support the learning of CONTENT, tasks that give students the opportunity to practise SKILLS, and tasks that offer students FEEDBACK on their progress through these important courses. For example, students could be asked to create a timeline of a particular decade in History (CONTENT), complete a practice essay in English (SKILLS) and undertake a short online quiz on a recent topic in Science (FEEDBACK). We believe that this approach will help students understand the need for a balanced approach in their own revision, and ensure that our setting of homework at GCSE teaches effective approaches to mastering these courses over Year 10 and Year 11.

How are students supported to complete homework at the school?

We will always make sure our homework is set with a clear explanation of WHY that particular task is being set and with a clear explanation to parents of how feedback will be given on that piece. As a school, we pride ourselves on providing an environment where all students are supported whatever their ability. For those students who need an environment conducive to learning and the support and encouragement from adults, the afterschool Homework club runs twice a week and provides a supportive environment for students to work independently on homework pieces. This is run by the school Librarian and other appropriate members of staff. Support for Learning will use intervention sessions to work on homework pieces and will support students with Special Educational Needs in completing their homework.