

Homework - Parent's Guide

Why is Homework Important?

Like any activity, we only get better if we practice. Homework offers an important opportunity for our students to practice the knowledge and skills they learn in class, and to review their learning so they are more able to recall what they have learned. The Education Endowment Foundation research shows that effective Homework can improve student's progress by 5-6 months.

Why we set homework:

- Improved retention and understanding of skills and knowledge gained through the school curriculum.
- Improve students' study skills and attitudes toward school
- Teach students that learning can take place anywhere, not just in school.
- The skills gained from a consistent approach to home study will enable a better skill base for exam practice.

What we will do.

- All subjects will set weekly, quality homework that is purposeful
- Based upon knowledge organisers and explicitly linked to learning in lessons to build long term memory
- Checked via lesson retrieval/checking for understanding/low stakes quizzing
- Set using class charts
- KS3 – Maths, English and Science (core) up to 30 mins per week Non-core 10 mins per week
- KS4 – 30 minutes per subject per week
- Timetabled for a set day every week

When will it be set?

		KS3				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Core	English			x		
	Maths	x				
	Science					x
Options	Art		x			
	Drama		x			
	DT		x			
	Geography		x			
	History				x	
	IT				x	
	Music				x	
	PE				x	
	RE	x				
	Spanish			x		

		Y10							Y11				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Core	English		x				Core	English		x			
	Maths	x						Maths	x				
	Science			x				Science			x		
Options	Art				10C	10B	Options	Art		x		x	
	Drama			x				Drama					
	DT			10B	10C			DT			11C	11B	
	Geography	x						Geography	x				
	History	x						History	x				
	IT			10B	10C			IT			11C		
	Music		10C			10B		Music				11B	
	Sport			10B	10C			Sport			11C	11B	
	RE			10B	10C			RE			11C		
	Spanish		x					Spanish			11C	11B	
Hospitality		10C			10B	Hospitality			11C	11B			

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How can you help with homework?

We do not expect you to teach your child what they need to know for each subject. What we ask is that you encourage and support them with their homework, and provide them with a quiet space without interruption to complete it.

You can support them with:

- Praise and encouragement, ask your child questions about their homework
- Regularly look through your child's knowledge organiser booklet with them, quiz them (see next point)
- Watch the how to revise videos on our website in the parent's section (homework) where the recommended learning strategies are demonstrated
- Read the guides to how to revise in the front of each knowledge organiser
- Help keep a homework routine for your child, including checking Class Charts
- Encourage your child to use the after-school Sparx Maths club for their maths homework
- Contact us with any questions via Class Charts or email

It is important that we all work together to ensure all students can achieve success.



Class Charts

What is Class Charts?

Class Charts is an online communication system which Parkwood Academy is using to set and track homework, achievements and more. One of the many benefits of using Class Charts is that we can securely share your child's homework assignments, deadlines, and submissions with you and keep you up to date in real-time.

How is Class Charts used for Homework?

Teachers will set all homework assignments using the Class Charts system. This means that at any time, students and their families can see exactly what homework has been set, and when the homework is due in. They can also see roughly how long each assignment should take, which will help them to manage their time.

Teachers will monitor homework completion and communicate through class charts whether homework has been submitted.

Students should get into the habit of checking Class Charts every evening, so that they know what deadlines they have coming up and can check off their homework as they go. They simply log into the system via a mobile phone, or other device, and they can see the details of their homework tasks.

Students can log into Class Charts here: <https://www.classcharts.com/account/login/share>

Families can also check Class Charts, using their parent access code. This makes it easy for families to see what Homework has been set, and anything that may be yet to complete. This will help families to support students in meeting deadlines and organising their time.

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Students and families will also receive notifications when homework tasks are set, submitted, or if any deadlines are missed.

