

Homework

In addition to their standard weekly homework in the EBacc subjects, Year 7 and 8 students are expected to complete an independent Stretch Project in cycles 1 and 2 (13 weeks). Students should spend around 1½ hour on their Stretch Project each week. Projects are assessed through a student exhibition at the end of each cycle.

Homework timetable - Year 7 & 8

Subject	Duration	Set by:	Deadline:
Science	45 minutes	Monday	Wednesday
English	45 minutes	Tuesday	Thursday
Spanish	45 minutes	Wednesday	Friday
Mathematics	45 minutes	Thursday	Monday
History/Geography	45 minutes	Friday	Tuesday

Homework timetable - Year 9, 10 & 11

Subject	Duration	Set by:	Deadline:
Science	1hr 30 to 2hr	Monday	Wednesday
English	1hr 30 to 2hr	Tuesday	Thursday
Spanish	1hr 30 to 2hr	Wednesday	Friday
Mathematics	1hr 30 to 2hr	Thursday	Monday
History/Geography/RE	1hr 30 to 2hr	Friday	Tuesday

All students in the academy are given homework in the EBacc subjects every week (i.e. English, mathematics, science, humanities and MFL). Key Stage 4 students will also receive one piece of extended homework per week and will have substantial homework set in their option.

Types of homework

100% sheets are used for the daily homework which is set in Morning Meeting. Students should use look, cover, write, check to learn the content of a given section of their 100% book. They are expected to fill a sheet of A4 paper from top left to bottom right, with no gaps, using this method. A green pen should be used to check they have recalled the information correctly.

Online homework is set every week in mathematics and can be set in other subjects such as science. The website Hegarty Maths is an incredible useful resource and it is vital your child maximises its potential. Please always check your child has carried out their homework following the three requirements below which will have been modelled and encouraged by their teacher:

Always watch the video, pausing it when told to do so, and take notes of all modelled examples provided;

Always write each Q down and show all their method for every question;

Always mark each question, make corrections and write their score at the end.

If you child completely does not understand the video, watch it with them and try to help them understand. Also look below the video to their building blocks. Redoing these lessons will help your child plug any gaps in their prior learning needed for the current homework.

Additional homework may be set by subject teachers where appropriate.



Stretch projects

Students will complete 4 stretch projects over Key Stage 3. The themes for the stretch projects are:

Who am I? – Year 7 Cycle 1
Cultural – Year 7 Cycle 2

Aspiration – Year 8 Cycle 1

Political - Year 8 Cycle 2

Dream Team

During Cycle 3 each year, students write their own reports detailing their successes and next steps from the academic year. Students then deliver this in a presentation to their Dream Team: their Belay Partner (supportive peer), family members, advisor and any other key adults.

How to support with your child's homework

Students should be completing 30 minutes DEAR (reading) each night and Hegarty Maths (from the website – the number of tasks may vary but should take, in total, approximately 30 minutes) in addition to the EBacc homework set in the student planners. It is important that you encourage your child to read challenging books. Your child's Advisor will be able to help support the selection of a challenging book.

Alongside reading, your child should be revising from his / her 100% book every night. This book contains all the key knowledge your child needs to succeed in each subject. Every night, you can support your child by quizzing them on the section they have been learning. All your child needs to do is memorise the sheets in their 100% book using 'look, cover, write, check', therefore you do not need to have any additional knowledge to support them with this.

Some key websites regularly used are: Hegarty Maths, Seneca learning and BBC Bitesize. If you would like any additional material, please consult your child's Advisor.

