

## Homework Guide for parents and carers

This document aims to set out the expectations and support for home learning (homework) as a student progresses through Henlow Church of England Academy.

### Why do we set homework:

There are many reasons to set homework and it should be acknowledged that for as many teachers, parents and students who love homework there are in equal measure those that hate it.

Therefore, at Henlow we believe in only setting homework which is meaningful and beneficial to learning and which supports our curriculum.

Our homework tasks will then fall into one, or more, of these categories:

- provide a pre-learning task or pre reading task
- post learning consolidation
- allow in depth, guided, research on a topic
- practise skills
- learn subject/specific vocabulary
- revise/review a topic

### Expectations of homework: time and curriculum areas

#### **KS2:**

Concentration on English and maths

#### **30-45 minutes daily**

- Daily reading 20 minutes
- Daily times tables practise 10-15 minutes
- Spelling - weekly
- Arithmetic - weekly
- Preparation for key assessments as required
- Occasional short task in another subject area such as science, humanities

## Secondary expectations of time:

### Expectations in KS3 - TIME:

Year 7 - 60 minutes per night  
Year 8 - 75 minutes per night  
Year 9 - 90 minutes per night  
Year 10 - 105 minutes per night  
Year 11 - 120 minutes per night

### Time broken down by subject area:

These times are guidance, a student should never be working significantly over this guideline, as a rule of thumb a third more time is time to stop, e.g. 30 minute homework should not exceed 40 minutes

### KS3 Expectations: TIME

Year 7	300 mins/wk	Year 8	375 mins/wk	Year 9	450 mins/wk
English	70 mins/wk	English	85 mins/wk	English	85 mins/wk
Maths	70 mins/wk	Maths	85 mins/wk	Maths	85 mins/wk
Physics	20 mins/wk	Physics	25 mins/wk	Physics	25 mins/wk
Chemistry	20 mins/wk	Chemistry	25 mins/wk	Chemistry	25 mins/wk
Biology	20 mins/wk	Biology	25 mins/wk	Biology	25 mins/wk
RE	25 mins/wk	RE	30 mins/wk	RE	40 mins/wk
History	25 mins/wk	History	30 mins/wk	History	30 mins/wk
Geography	25 mins/wk	Geography	30 mins/wk	Geography	30 mins/wk
French	25 mins/wk	French	30 mins/wk	French	40 mins/wk
				Options 1	30 mins/wk
				Options 2	30 mins/wk

**Support offered in school TIME:**

Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime sessions 55 minutes each

Monday - Friday after school sessions = 6.25 hours total

**Support offered in school SYSTEMS:**

- Homework set regularly and predictably
- Reasonable time limits set for completions (avoid next day deadlines)
- Instructions set/posted in Google classroom
- Google work set as an assignment to allow students to see and manage deadlines
- Purpose of the specific homework made clear
- Feedback offered