



Homework Policy

At Gordano School we value the importance of regular homework to support students' studies, consolidate learning and prepare them for the next steps in their learning.

We recognise and reward students who complete homework and intervene where students fail to submit homework despite reminders.

We also recognise that there are significant barriers to the completion of homework for wellbeing/SEND reasons and staff will differentiate and scaffold work as appropriate.

At KS3 homework is set in the following subjects: English; Maths; Science; Design Technology; Modern Foreign Languages; History; Geography; Ethics and Philosophy

At KS4 and KS5, homework is set in all subjects (excepting core PE)

Year 7-9 students: Homework for the fortnight is set on ClassCharts on the same day for each year group, by 4pm and is due between no less than 7 and no more than 14 days later, across all subjects.

Maths homework will be set weekly, on the same day, in support of the Sparx program we use, which relies on weekly completion.

1Mon	1Tues	1Weds	1Thurs	1Fri
	Y7 set and final deadline for completion a fortnight later		Y8 set and final deadline for completion a fortnight later	
2Mon	2Tues	2Weds	2Thurs	2Fri
	Y9 set and final deadline for completion a fortnight later			

Year 10, Year 11 and KS5 students: homework is set across the fortnight (weekly or fortnightly to suit the member of staff), on ClassCharts, with a deadline for completion of 7 days or more. Year 11 and 13 should only be set revision tasks that support their exam preparation in the three weeks leading up to and during mocks (except in instances where they are completing Non-Exam Assessed components of their courses).

- A compulsory 'intervention' for KS3 and KS4 for two or more missed pieces of homework will run weekly for each year group, for one hour, focusing on time management and completing upcoming tasks for the next set of homework.
- An A1 (-1 behaviour point) will be issued to students in Year 10 and 11 who do not complete a piece of homework
- KS5 students will be booked in to subject support for missed homework, before being upscaled to KS5 intervention.

Years 7, 8 and 9	Every Monday - 3.25pm-4.25pm, L8
Years 10 and 11	Every Friday - 2.35pm-3.35pm, LB2 - Upper Library
KS5	Every Friday - 2.35pm-3.35pm Learning Curve

- Homework merits will be given to all students who complete a piece of homework, handed in on time, on ClassCharts. These will be tracked, with certificates given to students at regular intervals to reward and encourage completion
- Each year group will have a 'Wellbeing fortnight' across the year where suggested wellbeing tasks are added by staff in all subjects, with no expectation for completion, in place of formal homework tasks. These are tasks designed to promote balance (eg. take a nature walk in the woods, complete a star-gazing activity). This amendment to our homework policy was suggested by the student council and came through strongly in student voice.

Homework should only ever take **three forms at KS3 and KS4:**

Practise	Revise	Read
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple or exam questions that practice content covered in class • Educake, Hegarty etc • Pre-learning of new terms or vocab for a new topic • A piece of artwork that practices a technique they have learnt in class • At KS4 and KS5 this should be a substantial part of home learning set. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise content from a knowledge organiser by making flashcards or a mind-map etc • Complete an online, self-marking quiz • Learning key spellings or vocab • Discussion with adults 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading for pleasure To encourage the setting of good reading habits • Reading for discovery: Directly linked to coming lessons and preferably encouraging students to be evaluative or critical • Reading for consolidation: High level reading that supports in class learning • At KS4 and KS5 it is expected that students will have some direction about where to find appropriate reading.
<p>Year 11 and 13 should not be expected to complete tasks related to end of topic tests or carry out any end of topic tests for two weeks ahead of and during mocks.</p>		