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Year 9 Homework Timetable, 2023-24

Subject	Minimum Time Allocated (Minutes)
English	60
Maths	60
Science	60
Art	30
Design and Technology	30
Drama	20
Music	20
Geography	45
History	45
IT	30
Languages	60
RE	30
PE	20

The table outlines the minimum amount of homework that should be set per fortnight in each subject (approximately 55 minutes per night if it was evenly spread across the 2 weeks.) If at all possible, homework will not be set for the next day. This allows students to plan the use of their time effectively. In some subjects, a project may be set across a half term and students will be expected to allocate the appropriate amount of time each week to this work.

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Homework Information

As you mature at secondary school, you are expected to prepare for a range of assessments and develop independent study skills. Homework helps you to develop these skills as you go through school, so you develop good lifelong learning skills for the future.

Homework plays an important role in training you to:

- learn by practice (repetition and rehearsal is good for long term memory development).
- develop good learning habits and independence.
- deepen your knowledge by encouraging further research and reading of topics.
- It helps you to build your competence and confidence so that you can demonstrate your knowledge, understanding and talents.

Setting of homework

Homework is set and placed on assignments on Microsoft® Teams. If you have any problems with your log in then you need to inform your tutor.

Make sure you:

- Listen carefully in lessons when homework is given to the advice and information given by your teacher.
- Be organised and take responsibility. In Years 7, 8 and 9 record information in your school planner for example, log in details for Microsoft® Teams and online resources such as MyMaths and Educake so you can refer to them. In Years 10 and 11 have a notebook or use the back of your exercise book to record homework.

Completing Homework, and establishing good routines

- Get into good homework habits. Get into a routine - do your homework as soon as you get home OR have a break first then settle down to do it. Do not leave your homework until late in the evening.
- Do not let your homework build up. Just because it is not due in immediately there is no reason why you cannot start it or get it out of the way. Leaving homework until the night before can cause a last-minute rush and a lot of avoidable stress for you and your parents.
- Find somewhere that is warm, comfortable and has good lighting – no distractions!
- Take pride in your homework. Think about presentation – include the title Homework, the date and the title of your homework and underline with a ruler. it is important. If you put effort into your work, it will be noticed. You will feel good about your achievements and the teacher will be pleased with your efforts.
- Remember to check your work when you have finished. We all make careless mistakes. Have you written what you meant to write. Check have you used the correct key words. It can help to read a written piece out aloud.
- Remember to use the 'Is my work correct sheet?', which you were given at STEPs.



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Support

- If you find a piece of homework too difficult: Read back over the work, you have done in class and the information the teacher has given with the homework. It can help to read things twice. Look up any words you do not understand.
- Have a try and then ask a parent/carer/sibling/friend for their advice and help. Ask them to proofread/check your work when you have finished and respond to the advice, they give you.
- You can send the teacher a message via Microsoft® Teams with a question or see them the next day in school or ask a Teaching Assistant.
- Do not give up too easily- there are always reference books, dictionaries, the Library, and the internet. Try and have a go at the homework. Teachers will always be pleased that you have attempted the homework. This shows great character and resilience.
- If you are finding it difficult to do your homework and meet deadlines, please ask about Homework Hub (Year 7 & 8 only). Ask your tutor for information.
- In years 9 and above use the library to do your homework, check with Mr Doran, the librarian if it is available.
- Some subjects will offer homework support sessions at lunchtimes or after school, please speak to your subject teacher about these sessions.

Feedback

Teachers will give you feedback on your work, this will frequently be given verbally in lessons individually or as a class, and some will be written.

When doing your homework think back and remember the advice you have been given. Look back in your book at teacher comments/targets. Try to avoid making the same mistakes.

It is important you respond to your teacher's advice so that you make progress.

Extra-curricular.

Teachers will give lots of tips in lessons and give up their time to offer many extra-curricular activities for you to attend, please refer to the Student Briefing Sheet (SBS). If you finish your homework quickly or want something else to do there are several things that you can do:

1. Look for a new club to join, use the SBS to find something new and give it a go. Be open to trying new things.
2. Do some extra independent research on the topic/s that you are covering at school that you are interested in.
3. Visit the online Library, research the internet.
4. Read a book, you have been given lots of suggestions already and our librarian will help you find even more books.

Make the most of the opportunities there are at Heber.