



Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Homework**

(A video version of this letter is available here: [https://youtu.be/d7NPFY2\\_DpM](https://youtu.be/d7NPFY2_DpM) )

How to Self-Quiz: <https://youtu.be/Xt5xAh8zRJ8>

We have been working to ensure that pupils revisit previously taught material frequently, so that they are able to embed it in their memory and recall that information in the long term. Pupils need this core knowledge to solve more complex problems as they progress through our curriculum.

Now that pupils are used to completing recall questions in class, we feel that it is important for them to continue this learning at home, so that the knowledge is not lost.

We are introducing regular homework nights so that pupils have the opportunity to practise recall at home. This means knowledge becomes further embedded and gets pupils into good learning habits to help them secure excellent outcomes in the future.

We have introduced a homework timetable to show which recall questions should be practiced each day. For example on a Monday week 1, a pupil in year 7,8 or 9 should practise English recall questions for 30 minutes and read their library book for 30 minutes.

Year 7,8,9 homework timetable

## Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Science	Geography	Art	Performing Arts / RS / SRE / PSHE
Reading 30 min per night				

## Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths	DT / Food	French	History	Computing
Reading 30 min per night				

Pupils in year 10 and 11 will also complete recall homework as per the timetable, but as they progress through the curriculum, will also be set more challenging tasks, testing their ability to apply their knowledge to more complex scenarios.

Year 10,11 homework timetable

## Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday / Weekend
Maths	English	Biology	Option A	Physics

## Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday / Weekend
Option B	Option C	Chemistry	Option D	Option E (Y11) English / maths (Y10)

Plus any additional work required throughout the year to support exam subjects

To practise their recall questions, pupils should follow the “Look, say, cover, write, repeat” format that will be familiar to you. Please see the short tutorial video here which explains how to do it: [LINK](#)

Pupils will receive their practice questions from class teachers and we are looking to make these available on Teams. We are also looking to provide some folders for pupils to carry their homework with them.

Pupils of any age would benefit from being quizzed by family member. It is important to promote this way of practising to motivate pupils to engage in their learning outside of school.

It would be easy for pupils to copy out the answers but this will not help them to hold the knowledge in their long term memory. This just makes the pupils familiar with the content.

There is a lot of research which indicates that by learning the basics really well, pupils can go on to answer more difficult problems later on. For example, pupils with a strong knowledge of their times tables, find it easier to complete long multiplication questions and pupils who know their quotations in English are able to compare the characters in a Shakespearean play more easily.

Every few weeks, pupils will be given a recall quiz in class to show what they know. The pupil will hand in the practice they have done in order to demonstrate that they have done it.

The class teacher will keep a record of whether pupils are completing their practice and how well they are doing in the recall quizzes. We will report the attitude to homework as part of our reporting to parents during the academic year.

If you have any questions about the homework initiative please let us know,

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Goodwin', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Goodwin

Deputy Head Teacher