

HOMEWORK POLICY YEAR 9

Summary:

Strangford College has developed a Homework Guide for each individual Year Group.

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Article 28: You have the right to an education.



Year 9

Homework

Guide

Dear Parent/Guardian

We hope you will find our new homework booklet useful. We believe in the value of effective homework as research shows that well planned and marked homework can make a positive difference to student outcomes.




There are many different types of homework that students are asked to complete as you can see from each of the subjects included in the booklet. Homework will be marked regularly, and students will be encouraged to react to teacher feedback using a purple pen to demonstrate clear marking for improvement. At times, verbal feedback may be given to students on their work.





Helping your child with homework is something we would encourage. This shows young people that you value homework and establishes good behaviours at Key Stage 3. Such habits can then be carried through to later key stages when more independent study is required in preparation for GCSEs and A Levels. If no formal homework is set on a particular day we recommend that all students should spend time reading over their notes and reading for pleasure.






We have Winter and Summer exams and independent homework and revision will help to support the individual success of every student.


Signing the homework planner is also a good way for parents to involve themselves in the school and demonstrate our commitment to working together.

As always, thank you for your support and if there is anything you need or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Homework set</u>
History 	<p>In year 9 students will receive one written homework per fortnight. Each student has a homework booklet which contains most of the written homework that needs to be completed. Topics covered in year 9 include the Spanish Armada, the Gunpowder Plot, Witchcraft, the Great Plague, the English Civil War and the Williamite wars. Research and revision homework will be set throughout the year. All homework is marked following the department policy of two stars and one wish, two things the student has done well and one area for improvement. All written homework should be signed by a parent or guardian.</p>
Art & Design 	<p>In Art and Design Year 9 students are required to complete a 1hour homework each fortnight. It will include topics covered in class, research work and preparation for practical lessons. Each student will receive a Homework List for the year. Each homework is clearly explained by the class teacher and a demonstration or example given during their lesson. Students are to complete practical HWs in their Homework Book and will use a range of art materials. Topics include, Perspective, Surrealism, Pattern and Design. A Summer Project is set for class and homework in Term 3 and the theme of this will be set by the teacher. All Homework will be marked out of 20.</p>
Home Economics 	<p>Home Economics homework in Year 9 is set regularly and is used to consolidate and extend work completed in the class, for research and to prepare for practical food lessons. Each homework is clearly explained and time is given to note this in pupil planners. Pupils complete all written homework in their HE folders and a variety of types are set across the year including factual recall questions, keywords, research and using data. Preparation for food practical lessons is a key homework task. Items to be brought to school are listed at on the first page of the white recipe booklet. Pupils are required to self-evaluate and identify areas for improvement after practical lessons.</p> <p>Homework topics to include – labelling, fat and sugar in the diet, recipe modification, family life and conflict, budgeting and food storage as well as preparation for end of year exams.</p>

<p>French</p> 	<p>French homework in Year 9 will be a combination of speaking, reading and writing tasks to develop these language skills. There will be a huge emphasis on grammar homework and translation tasks. These will be scored /20 for accuracy.</p> <p>Studying and memorising vocabulary is an essential element of language learning and this will be set and tested regularly. All students will have a white EXPO 2 workbook and many homework tasks will be set from this. At the end of each unit there is a double page or vocabulary that will have come up in each topic. Pupils will be asked to revise topics including Family, Jobs, Weather, Hobbies, Clothes, Eating out, Healthy lifestyles, Countries, Where they live and Holidays for language assessments. There will be a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing exams to test all 4 core areas of language learning.</p> <p>Pupils in year 9 will also learn about the culture and gastronomy of France.</p> <p>Pupils are advised not to use online translation devices for translation homework as we would like them to develop their independent language skills for translation based on the grammar and vocab taught in class. These translation services are not always accurate and can misinterpret context.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Pupils will be set at least one written homework over the two week teaching cycle. The topics covered this year will include: natural hazards, latitude and longitude, population growth, cities and rivers. Homeworks will be varied and will include written or research tasks.</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Students will be set one batch of online homeworks each week, using www.mymaths.co.uk</p> <p>Students will also be set two short Numeracy homeworks each week aimed at improving and maintaining speed and accuracy with basic arithmetic–these should take no more than 10 minutes each. There may be additional homeworks set depending on the current topic.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Homework will be a mix of tasks to support the classwork projects. For example, students may be asked to listen to a piece of music on the internet (Youtube) to practise towards a performance or complete a written task. Homework tasks may also include research or evaluations of a practical project. Shorter homeworks will be set once a fortnight, while larger tasks may be over a longer period of time as appropriate.</p>

<p>RE</p> 	<p>Homework in Religious Studies will be set at least once in every two-week cycle. Topics that we will look at in year 9 include the Creation stories and the environment, living with others, Islam and moral issues. Homework will include different tasks and will challenge different skills of the students. homework tasks will include extensions from class work, practical projects, research tasks and Q&A tasks. Students will be encouraged to revise over their work on evenings when written homework etc. isn't given out.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Year 9 will be set a minimum of 2 homeworks per two week teaching cycle each of approximately 20 minutes' duration. Homework will aim to consolidate the work taught in each unit and develop skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT.</p> <p>Some homework will be research based and aim to raise an awareness of careers within Science. On completion of a unit of work there will be an end of unit test which will be used for continuous assessment. Students will be expected to complete a revision style homework in preparation for this test.</p>
<p>T & D</p> 	<p>T&D is mainly a practical subject. There will be HW set to develop knowledge and understanding of material, tools and processes. Drawing and presentation skills will also be developed through sketching tasks, some of which will involve following a YouTube tutorial.</p> <p>Most HW will be set and submitted using the Google Classroom App.</p>
<p>English</p> 	<p>To help pupils get the most out of the Accelerated Reader programme they should read for 30 minutes each evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pupils will be set a spelling, skills or research task each week. Pupils should spend 20- 30 minutes completing this task. ○ Pupils will be set an extended writing task on a monthly basis. Pupils should spend 30- 45 minutes completing this task.
<p>Spanish</p> 	<p>Spanish homework in Year 9 will be a combination of speaking, reading and writing tasks to develop these language skills. There will be a huge emphasis on grammar homework and translation tasks. These will be scored /20 for accuracy.</p> <p>Studying and memorising vocabulary is an essential element of language learning and this will be set and tested regularly. All students will have a white MIRA 1 workbook and many homework tasks will be set from this. At the end of each unit there is a double page or vocabulary that will have come up in each topic. Pupils will be asked to revise topics including Greetings, Self and personal information, School and Family, for language assessments. There will be a range of</p>

	<p>speaking, listening, reading and writing exams to test all 4 core areas of language learning.</p> <p>Pupils in year 9 will also learn about the culture and how they celebrate Christmas and Easter in Spain.</p> <p>Pupils are advised not to use online translation devices for translation homework as we would like them to develop their independent language skills for translation based on the grammar and vocab taught in class. These translation services are not always accurate and can misinterpret context.</p>
<p>Drama</p> 	<p>Drama homework, issued on a fortnightly basis, will be used to demonstrate a student's knowledge and understanding of drama and the devising/performing process. Tasks will include booklet/jotter work; research; thinking tasks; script and/or story writing; self and peer evaluation; as well as target setting for the next unit.</p> <p>Homework should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.</p> <p>These tasks will form 50% of Tracker Test results, where appropriate.</p>

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