



**Rednock School**  
Quality, Partnership, Success

# HOMEWORK

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**YEAR 8**

**KEY STAGE 3**

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## What is homework?

Staff will communicate all homework and extended learning tasks to students via Show My Homework. Every student has a personal login to access their homework. Parents have an overview via their own personal logins.

Homework can be accessed via an open calendar at [rednock.showmyhomework.co.uk](http://rednock.showmyhomework.co.uk) or from the front page of the school website should there be any log in issues.

Homework is intergral to learning and should lead to further learning. Homework is designed and planned to promote independent learners and is integrated and planned into Schemes of Work. A homework task will help students to develop skills and / or knowledge with differentiated support. Homework will be set by the class teacher and will follow the homework timetable agreed with the teacher, guided by the published homework timetable. Students will record their personal homework timetable in the front of their student planner.

## What can homework be?

Homework can be any of the following which have been defined to help clarify:

### **Consolidation**

Students further practice skills developed in the lesson or apply theory (ideas). Presentation could include poster, model, powerpoint, etc.

### **Investigation**

Finding out information to support learning in class. Presentation could be done in the same way to Consolidation.

### **Literacy**

Checking and improving pieces of work using the Literacy Guide which can be found in the Student Planner.

### **Learning**

Key term definitions, spellings, vocabulary, places or facts which may be tested. Revision techniques like look, cover, write, check should be used.

### **Revision**

Reviewing and improving notes (not finishing lesson work). Highlighting key terms and information. Summarising, creating mind maps, revision notes or flash cards. Revision should be active not just re reading.

If students have no set homework they should review and revise work or use specified websites or computer based revision tools.

### **Exam Practice**

Using past papers or sample questions to respond in exam style and constraints. Often completed or reviewed using the mark scheme to guide.

D.I.R.T. – Directed Improvement and Reflection Time.

Tasks associated with responding and feedback.

#### How long is homework / extended learning?

As a rough guide, students should spend 1 to 2 hours on homework per evening. This time will obviously need to be flexible to accommodate home life and commitments to things like Clubs. For revision, students should follow best practice of little and often with short breaks e.g. 30 minutes revision, 10 minutes break.

#### Where and when?

Students should work in a comfortable environment which will promote concentration. We are surrounded by distractions but simple steps can be taken like no TV or leaving a phone in another room or putting it on silent, at least. Closing Facebook or disabling alerts on our devices while we work.

#### Support

Students have access to the LRC (Learning Resource Centre) until 4.00pm Monday to Friday. All the Literacy and ICT resources are available. A member of staff is available to assist if students need help or advice.

Many departments run catch up and revision sessions at various points throughout the year to prepare for assessments and exams.

#### Humanities

In the Humanities subjects – Geography, History and RE – students will complete Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) based on a published menu of activities for each term. Students will also be set a literacy homework and a homework to act upon feedback given and consolidate work from class.

YEAR 8	WEEK A		YEAR 8	WEEK B	
	Left Population	Right Population		Left Population	Right Population
Monday			Monday		
	Science or Maths	English or MFL		Humanities   Creative	Science or Maths
	Technology	Science or Maths		Science or Maths	English or MFL
	Humanities   Creative	Humanities   Creative		English or MFL	Humanities   Creative
Tuesday			Tuesday		
	Science or Maths	English or MFL		Humanities   Creative	Science or Maths
	English or MFL	Science or Maths		English or MFL	Humanities   Creative
	Humanities   Creative	Humanities   Creative		Science or Maths	Technology
Wednesday			Wednesday		
	English or MFL	Technology		Science or Maths	Science or Maths
	Science or Maths	English or MFL		English or MFL	English or MFL
	Humanities   Creative	Science or Maths		Humanities   Creative	
Thursday			Thursday		
	Humanities   Creative	English or MFL		English or MFL	English or MFL
	English or MFL	Humanities   Creative		Humanities   Creative	Science or Maths
	Science or Maths	Science or Maths		Science or Maths	Humanities   Creative
Friday			Friday		
	Humanities   Creative	Humanities   Creative			English or MFL
	Science or Maths	Science or Maths		Science or Maths	Science or Maths
	English or MFL	English or MFL		Humanities   Creative	Humanities   Creative
	Technology				

Teachers will set homeworks to extend and consolidate classwork. Homework is NOT finishing off classwork. Students are expected to complete all work by deadlines and communicate promptly with their teacher if they have difficulty doing this. Students should expect 2 x 20 minutes homework or 1 x 40 minutes per week for timetabled subjects. A comparative amount of time should be dedicated to work for subjects who give Extended Learning Opportunities. Where tasks require a longer time, teachers may set homework over longer periods.

Homework tasks and deadlines will be communicated via Show My Homework.

**DRAMA HOMEWORK:** Learning Lines/Bringing in Props/ Researching Around the Topic if Required/Completing Written Scripts

**ICT HOMEWORK** will be set by teaching staff in line with the class timetable