



HOMEWORK

YEAR 9

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 or from the front page of the school website should there be any log in issues.

Homework is integral 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 Times.

Tasks associated with responding to 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 9	WEEK A		YEAR 9	WEEK B	
	Left Population	Right Population		Left Population	Right Population
Monday		English	Monday	Maths	MFL
	MFL	Humanities Creative		English	Maths
	Science	MFL		MFL	Humanities Creative
				Humanities Creative	
Tuesday	Technology	Technology	Tuesday		
	Humanities Creative	Maths		Humanities Creative	Science
	Maths	Humanities Creative		Technology	English
	English	Science			
Wednesday			Wednesday		
	Humanities Creative	MFL		Maths	Technology
				Science	Science
					MFL
Thursday			Thursday		Maths
	English	Humanities Creative		MFL	Humanities Creative
	Maths	Maths		Humanities Creative	English
	Science	Science			Science
Friday			Friday		
	Humanities Creative	English		English	
	MFL	Humanities Creative		Humanities Creative	Humanities Creative
				Science	

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.

ICT HOMEWORK: Will be set by teaching staff inline with the class timetable

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