

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find enclosed a letter with details on accessing your child's Show my Homework account. Please note that you have separate login details to your child and that your child should not log in using your details. Students will be supported in accessing Show My Homework by their tutor and in the first computing lesson.

Please login to your account regularly so that you can monitor your child's home learning and help them to keep on top of it.

All home learning is set based on the home learning timetable. You can find this on the website (parents - home learning).

In Year 7 we recommend that your child spends the following time on their home learning:

English: 60 minutes

Maths: 60 minutes

Science: 30 minutes

French/Spanish: 30 minutes

Geography and History: 30 minutes each (this may be set as one 60 minute homework every two weeks).

Computing: 30 minutes (this may be set as one 60 minute homework every two weeks).

Pathways (create, DT): 30 minutes for each Pathway (create, DT)

Reading: Please encourage your child to read for a minimum of 20 minutes a day and sign the Reading Log in the back of their planners.

### **Advice on setting up Home Learning Routines**

Tasks are easiest to accomplish when tied to specific routines. By establishing daily routines for Home Learning completion, you will not only make Home Learning go more smoothly, but you will also be fostering a sense of order students can apply to later life, including college and work.

**Step 1. Find a location in the home where Home Learning will be done.** The right location will depend on students and the culture of your family. Some children do best at a desk in their bedroom. It is a quiet location, away from family noise. Other children become too distracted by the things they keep in their bedroom and do better at a place removed from those distractions, like living room or kitchen area. Some children need to work by themselves. Others need to have parents nearby to help keep them on task and to answer questions when problems arise. Ask students where the best place is to work. Alternatively you can complete Home Learning at a public library or at school where there are spaces and facilities before and after school.

**Step 2. Establish a Home Learning time.** Students should get in the habit of doing Home Learning at the same time every day. The time may vary depending on the individual child. Some children need a break right after school to get some exercise and have a snack. Others need to start Home Learning while they are still in a school mode (i.e: right after school when there is still some momentum left from getting through the day). In

general, it may be best to get Home Learning done either before dinner or as early in the evening as possible. The later it gets, the more tired the child becomes and the more slowly the Home Learning gets done.

**Step 3. Establish a daily Home Learning schedule.** The Home Learning session should begin with you sitting down with students and drawing up a Home Learning schedule. You should review the set Home Learning to make sure students understands them and has all the necessary log-ins and sheets. Ask students to estimate how long it will take to complete each assignment. Then ask when each assignment will get started. If students need help with any assignment, then this should be determined at the beginning so that the start times can take into account parent availability.

**Step 4 Seek advice** if you need it; not all students feel motivated to complete Home Learning and complete it well; you can contact the form tutor for more Home Learning advice and look on the following sites for forums and general tips and hints:

- [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/secondary\\_support/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/secondary_support/)
- [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)
- <http://www.mumsnet.com>

Please also check the Extended schools timetable for clubs and events, which support Home Learning.