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Homework timetable 2024-25

Homework, I love you. I think that you're great.
It's wonderful fun when you keep me up late.
I think you're the best when I'm totally stressed,
preparing and cramming all night for a test.

Homework, I love you. What more can I say?
I love to do hundreds of problems each day.
You boggle my mind, and you make me go blind,
but still I'm ecstatic that you were assigned.

Homework, I love you. I tell you, it's true.
There's nothing more fun or exciting to do.
You're never a chore, for it's you I adore.
I wish that our teacher would hand you out more.

Homework, I love you. You thrill me inside.
I'm filled with emotions. I'm fit to be tied.
I cannot complain when you frazzle my brain.
Of course, that's because I'm completely insane.

Homework, I love you – A poem by Ken Nesbitt

Dear Parents and Carers,

Homework is often a divisive subject in schools, some Parents and Students will feel that there is not enough being set, while others will feel there is too much. What is beyond doubt is that homework is a very important part of your child's education. Not only does it provide them with an opportunity to practise and embed the new learning they complete in school, but it also teaches them to be independent, take initiative and responsibility for completing a task and develop self-discipline. Homework will teach students to find and employ resources such as libraries, the internet and other learning materials. Actively searching for source materials to find information will help them to develop important study skills. There is extensive research showing the link between the completion of homework tasks and improved academic achievement, and it helps to improve students' memories and critical thinking.

Whilst the benefits of homework are undeniable, we never want students to feel like the protagonist of Ken Nesbitt's poem. So, to help ensure your child is not overwhelmed with too many homework tasks at once we have developed a balanced homework timetable. Staff will be setting homework tasks using this timetable from next week and instructions and links to resources can be found on

Go4Schools. The tasks staff set will be focussed on the topics being covered in class, will have a suggested length of time that the task should take and an appropriate deadline. We do not expect students to complete tasks overnight or to spend an excessive amount of time completing them, as this can lead to homework tasks having a negative impact on learning. Our aim is for students to have no more than 10 minutes of homework per year they have been in school each night, e.g., Year 7 would have $7 \times 10 \text{ minutes} = 1 \text{ hour } 10 \text{ minutes}$ per night maximum and Year 11 would have $11 \times 10 \text{ minutes} = 1 \text{ hour } 50 \text{ minutes}$ per night maximum. This is based on academic research that has shown that after this length of time homework becomes counterproductive and demotivating.

Our aim is to produce independent and self-motivated students, so if your child does find that they have completed their homework tasks and they have time on their hands then please encourage them to revise the work they have been completing in lessons. Revision is an ongoing process rather than a terminal activity completed at the end of a unit of work in preparation for an assessment. Our revision motto in school is to revise every day, in an active way, which we do in every lesson through the retrieval tasks each teacher sets at the beginning of lessons. There is a wealth of revision advice and resources on the [school website](#) to support you and your child in developing effective revision techniques.

Kind regards,

Mr. Bird
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