

Homework in English

All English homework is purposeful. It is never set for the sake of setting homework.

Class teachers monitor homework throughout both Key Stages and apply the school behaviour policy if work fails to meet the expected standard. If a pupil fails to meet a homework deadline, or if homework is completed to a poor standard, a warning will be issued on Synergy in the first instance. If this happens again in the same half term, the pupil will be given a detention with the class teacher. The intention of this detention is not to be punitive but rather to support the pupil in completing the work on time and to the required standard.

What does homework look like in KS3 English?

Homework at Key Stage 3 utilises Bedrock Learning, which is a digital literacy improvement platform we use as part of our curriculum to teach pupils the language skills they need to succeed at school and beyond – with specific foci on vocabulary, grammar, reading and writing. It is adaptive to the individual and pupils get a tailored curriculum, which they complete weekly. However, teachers will often choose to set ‘Chance to Shine’ homework tasks which are more open-ended and will encourage pupils to be creative in their thinking. Such tasks might include:

- Extended writing
- Research projects
- Quizzes or revision activities
- Wider reading

At KS3, pupils need to achieve 20 Bedrock points per week and class teachers have access to a variety of measurements for each class. Pupils are routinely given a week for completion and it is expected that approximately 60 minutes should be spent on Bedrock Learning per week.

Bedrock Learning tasks can be completed on a mobile device, which increases the possibility of engagement from pupils without a desktop or laptop at home. There is always opportunity for pupils to use school computers for homework, either within the English department or at any of the other homework provision within school.

What does homework look like in GCSE English?

In the lead up to assessments / examinations, pupils are given a tailored preparation timetable, which outlines weekly tasks the pupils are expected to complete. In addition to this, class teachers set homework which is appropriate to the specific needs of their classes. Such tasks might include:

- Extended writing
- Quizzes or revision activities
- Wider reading
- Completion of examination questions

At GCSE, a minimum of two tasks or one longer task is set per week. Homework tasks tend to take approximately 30 - 60 minutes to complete.