

Year 10 and Year 11

Homework 2020-2021

Art

GCSE Art homework activities support, enrich and extend lesson-based project work. Homework activities include tasks such as visiting an art gallery, drawing, photography, designing, creating image banks/mood boards, researching an artist/art movement, coursework improvement & completion, planning, annotation or writing evaluations. All pupils have a course handbook which contains 3 x project outlines and an assessment criteria grid to which they can refer when completing homework.

Business Studies

Year 10 and Year 11: Homework will usually be set once per week and will include a variety of tasks including completing past exam paper questions, revising for a test, completing worksheets, and watching sections of business or enterprise TV programmes. Homeworks are used to prepare pupils for future learning, check understanding of classroom learning, to revise and develop exam technique.

Computing

KS4 Creative iMedia (Year 10 and Year 11): The key focus for pupils in Years 10 and 11 is to complete their Controlled Assignment Brief. This work has to be done under the direct supervision of staff. As a consequence, pupils may be expected to attend an After School Workshop to meet their assessment target and deadlines (one hour). The course on the VLE (Firefly) provides pupils with access to useful and practical resources to support their learning.

KS4 Computer Science GCSE: In each module of work there are homework tasks which are integral parts of the programme of study. Homework is set on the day of their lesson. If pupils do not have access to a computer, and/or the Internet at home, they can come to one of the Computing rooms at break or lunchtime, when the rooms are open, to complete their work. Pupils will not be expected to complete a computer-based task for the next day to allow them access in school, where needed. The Computer Science course on the VLE (Firefly) provides pupils with access to useful and practical resources to support their learning. Some homework tasks will also be set on the online 'Doddle' system throughout the course.

Design Technology (all courses)

GCSE Design Technology homework will be focused around 2 key elements of the courses. Coursework related tasks will require pupils to develop a range of work either at home or after school in class. In addition exam preparation will include working on past papers, using the internet, using revision guides and practising techniques developed in school independently. All course details can be found on Firefly for each of our subject areas.

Drama

Homework at KS4 is either preparation for a component 1 or 2 performance or preparation for component 3, the written examination paper.

Examples of homework for components 1/2 include: research, individual development of chosen practical skill (for example actors may learn lines of a script, a technician may create a playlist or a designer may draw out different designs for a costume or set) and attending practical rehearsals outside of lesson (normally after school).

Homework for component 3 includes revising for the written paper and writing answers to exam style questions. Exemplar work and past exam papers can be found on Firefly and extra revision sessions are provided prior to the examination period.

English

Homework in English will be set in a variety of forms including: written pieces; research and note making; learning and practising of individual spelling and grammar issues; private reading of GCSE examination texts and preparation for Speaking and Listening assignments. Homework tasks will be set in order to complement, reinforce and extend the learning taking place in lessons or to prepare pupils for assessments and GCSE examinations. It is envisaged that your child will receive between one and two tasks per week; either they will be set one substantial piece per week or they will be set two shorter tasks. Pupils may also be set homework or revision activities to be completed throughout school holidays.

Health and Social Care

This is a BTEC course which is largely assessed on coursework. Homework involves completing tasks which are set out on the assignment briefs for each component (Two components in Year 10 and One in Year 11). The dates for submission for each task in each assignment are written on the front cover sheet for each component. Pupils are given these at the beginning of each component and also have to record them in their planners so that parents can see them.

Humanities

Pupils will usually be set one homework task per week. Homework tasks may include research and reading in preparation for the lesson and GCSE exam questions. An important aspect of homework is routinely revising information and learning subject specific vocabulary.

Maths

Year 10: Pupils will be set 1 or 2 homework tasks per week. The tasks will be a combination of written and online homework. The online homework will be from Hegarty Maths and the pupils will have a week to submit this. Some written homework tasks may have to be handed in the next maths lesson. Pupils must seek help from their teacher if they are struggling with any tasks and they can watch the videos on Hegarty Maths for support and guidance with all work and revision.

Year 11: All pupils will receive a homework schedule at the start of the academic year, which will also be emailed to all parents. It contains details of the Practice Examination Papers which will be set regularly throughout the year and the online revision tasks which will also be set for pupils to do on the computer. The Past Paper will be marked and graded by the teacher. If pupils have any problems with the homework they must watch the Hegarty maths videos suggested to help themselves at home and then ask their teacher in school if they are still struggling. Scores for the Practice Examination Papers and online homework will be updated to parents on a regular basis.

Modern Foreign Languages

In MFL we will be setting one or two homeworks a week after each lesson, depending on the topic we teach. These tasks will be a combination of written homeworks and reading exercises. Pupils will be expected to learn vocabulary from the learning organisers weekly. Tasks on vocabexpress, a digital resource we subscribe to, will also be set if and when appropriate. There are PowerPoints to help and ideas for extension tasks on Firefly in the KS4 section of MFL.

Music

Throughout Y10 and Y11, pupils studying GCSE Music should take time preparing for their recitals. They can record their recitals at any point during Y11 and can have as many attempts as they wish so it's in their best interests to practise as much as possible at home on their instruments. Pupils should also take time to develop their compositions inbetween classroom composition lessons. Pupils also have access to 'Focus on Sound' for revising the theoretical and listening components of the course. All of this should be done as regularly as possible.

PE

During Y10/11 pupils opting to study GCSE PE at a Sports Science level will receive regular homeworks across a range of tasks. Pupils will be expected to answer questions on AnswerPErfect as well as watching online video's, complete Flipped learning work on firefly and

answer extended essay style questions in preparation for the 6 mark answers in their final exam. Further to this, pupils will be expected to give their time to regular attendance at extra-curricular activities across a minimum of three sports during each academic year, in order to develop the skills and experience required for the practical element of the course.

Science

All pupils will be given Science homework during the GCSE course. These tasks will support the curriculum and help prepare your child for the GCSE examination. Some of the homework will be past paper questions and some will be based on the revision guides and work books. Homework obviously plays an important role in our assessment and also provides a good basis for revision. It is envisaged that your child will receive one task per week, though the actual number may differ depending on the topic being taught. It is worth noting that some of the homework may just be revising for tests. It is expected at key stage 4 that your child begins to develop into a more independent learner and can select the appropriate topics to revise. In addition to this pupils will complete tasks from ActiveLearn, an online assessment tool.