

Year 8

Homework 2020-2021

Art

Year 8 Art curriculum is organised into 2 themes 'People' and 'Natural World'. In class, pupils will work on approximately 3x Art projects per year. Art homework supports and enriches this project work. Examples of Art homework tasks: collecting objects, observational drawing, designing, image banks/mood boards, photography, collaging, junk sculpture, artist/designer research, visiting a gallery etc. Useful materials and equipment for art homework: A sketchbook with good quality paper, 2B/4B pencils, pencil crayons, scissors, glue, magazines, access to a PC, internet and printer.

Computing

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.

Design Technology

All pupils will experience a variety of different subject areas including Food, Textiles, Materials Technology and Engineering Systems. In each area, homework will be set from the Year 8 Firefly Design Technology homework takeaway menu or directly relating to the project context. Homework will be a variety of tasks/challenges ranging from spelling, extended writing reports, researching a topic, collecting materials and ingredients to design and make related tasks.

Drama

Homework will consist of a variety of tasks set over the duration of a project. Examples of Drama homework include: learning lines from a script, research, completing costume designs, set designs or making props and evaluation of a project performance.

Homework is used to prepare pupils for future learning and development of a project in class, to check understanding of classroom learning and develop key performance skills.

Key materials such as scripts, exemplar work or online evaluations can be found on the Year 8 Drama page on Firefly.

English

Homework in English will be set in a variety of forms including: written pieces; research and note making; learning and practising of spelling; private reading and 'Talk' homework. The majority of homework tasks will be set in order to complement, reinforce and extend the learning taking place

in lessons or to develop essential key skills. It is highly recommended that your child also reads in their own time.

Humanities

Pupils will usually be set one homework task per week. Homework tasks may include research and reading in preparation for the lesson. An important aspect of homework in Humanities is routinely using the knowledge organisers to revise information and learn subject specific vocabulary.

Maths

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.

Modern Foreign Languages

In MFL we will be setting one homework a week after the lesson. These will be a combination of written homework tasks, reading exercises and learning homeworks. At times, we will set pupils creative tasks where they have to show what they have learned and design a game or a resource to show the knowledge they have gained. There are PowerPoints to help and ideas for extension activities on Firefly in the Year 7 section on MFL. Two take away, menu-style homeworks will be set throughout the year.

Music

Homework in music will be set fortnightly with pupils reflecting on learning in class and reinforcing knowledge developed. This will mostly be done online using 'Focus on Sound', which can be accessed by phone, tablet or computer. Some homework will be composition based using flat.io for notation composition and bandlab.com for sequencing but students will be given more information as we progress through the year about how to utilise these platforms.

Science

All pupils will be given a Science homework book, which will provide a series of tasks that support the curriculum and ensure consistency throughout the department. They play an important role in our assessment and also provide good revision material. In addition to this, pupils will complete tasks from ActiveLearn, an online assessment tool. It is envisaged that your child will receive one task per week, though the actual number may differ depending on the topic being taught.