



Maghull High School

Homework Information for Parents Year 11

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HOMework

WHY DO IT?

The school regards homework as a very important part of the curriculum. Time spent on carefully designed homework will help to enable pupils to achieve their highest possible levels in national curriculum subjects.

Homework offers the opportunity to reflect on matters which have arisen in the classroom and to demonstrate that they have been understood.

Homework should take a variety of forms

written

reading

practical

research

personal study

TIME ALLOCATION

Pupils in Years 7 & 8 should have an average of **2 to 3 hours** homework, plus preparation, per week.

This will increase to **3 to 4 hours** in Year 9 and steadily increase as pupils move into Year 10, 11 and and Sixth Form.

STUDENT PLANNER

Homework pages are there to help students to organise their work.
THEY SHOULD BE KEPT UP TO DATE

Week Commencing		Date Due	✓
MONDAY	SUBJECT		
TUESDAY	SUBJECT		
WEDNESDAY	SUBJECT		
THURSDAY	SUBJECT		
FRIDAY	SUBJECT		
For school leaders reference Number of lessons not completed/checked How many finished/checked Date of completion Signature			

GOOD HABITS

Your child should :

- ◆ Make sure they understand what is required of them before leaving school.
- ◆ Set a time for doing homework
- ◆ Sit at a table in a quiet place
- ◆ Read instructions carefully
- ◆ Remember to bring the work to school, on time.

PARENTS

We look for your support in ensuring that homework is completed in a satisfactory manner.

Please help your child to be able to do their homework, to the best of their ability, so that they can improve the quality of their learning.

There is space for you to sign, to show that you are satisfied with their standard of work and effort, and we would ask you to sign this every week.

YEAR 11

SUBJECT HOMEWORK

ENGLISH

One extended homework per fortnight, to be set in week 1 and handed in during week 2 and one research/wider reading task set in week 2. Year 11 homework will be based on research and writing tasks linked to GCSE unit. In preparation for examinations pupils will be set sample exam questions and essays and preparation of speaking and listening assessment tasks.

MEDIA

Homework is set fortnightly - week 1 research; week 2 write-up. Research may include engaging with media texts being studied (eg music videos; genre-specific films). In addition, media terminology lists will be issued at the start of each unit, with fortnightly spelling / definition checks to ensure pupils are becoming confident in using the specialist vocabulary.

MATHS

Mathematics Unit 3 homework is set on the website 'www.mymaths.co.uk'. Tasks are set half-termly, relating to the topics being covered in lessons, to ensure that pupils have the equivalent of 30—45 minutes of mathematics homework to complete every week. In addition to this, pupils may, where appropriate, be set an additional homework task by their teacher. A deadline for these tasks will be clearly stated by the teacher when the homework is set. In preparation for Key Stage 4 examinations, pupils will receive holiday homework tasks and revision booklets to help them to revise the unit of work being assessed. Pupils preparing for re-sit module exams will be set mymaths tasks and homework activities to help them to revise for their re-sit examination in addition to their weekly maths homework. Unit 2 re-sit examinations are in November and Unit 1 re-sits are in March.

SCIENCE

The Science department sets an average of four homeworks per fortnight – each teacher setting two pieces each. Homework tasks typically include specific tasks such as questions set, research, project work, revision and experiment write-ups.

GCSE: Average four per fortnight – two from each teacher

Separate Science: two per subject—Biology, Chemistry, Physics per fortnight

BTEC: Coursework task completion as required due to nature of assignments

ICT

Homework in year 11 is very important and is set at the beginning of term; pupils are expected to work on functional skills exam papers to improve their ICT skills and for some preparation for functional skills test.

D&T SUBJECTS

On average one homework per fortnight will be set. Homework will be a mixture of knowledge based tasks, controlled assessment preparation and revision exercises.

DRAMA

In Year 11 pupils work collaboratively to create performances for final assessment. This requires pupils to rehearse after school, and, on rare occasions, weekends, to ensure that the performance is of the highest quality. They must also work independently to learn lines, write scripts and edit music for performances within lessons. In Year 11 pupils complete three units of work. Units 1 and 2 require participation in practical workshops, which in turn leads to the creation of a portfolio of work. This controlled assessment must be completed in school but notes can be compiled outside of school hours. The final unit is a performance to an external examiner. Pupils must work in groups to create a unique piece of theatre. This requires dedication and focus both in school and at home. Line learning, script writing, music editing, prop, set and costume design and extra-curricular rehearsals are a standard obligation of all pupils during this process.

BUSINESS STUDIES

Pupils will be expected to produce work at home that meets a significant proportion of the requirements of their assessed units. Time will be spent in class gaining the required knowledge and explaining the requirements of each task, however, the production of the work will take place at home. Arrangements can be made for pupils to undertake the work in school at lunchtimes if this is their preference. In addition to this, homework may be set on an ad hoc basis throughout the year if a pupil needs to catch up with coursework or alternatively if a pupil is ready to take on extension work to develop additional knowledge and skills.

RS

Pupils will be expected to complete one piece of homework per fortnight. Each task is designed to support their learning in preparation of GCSE Religion and Society exam taken during Y11. Tasks will include learning keywords, research and completion of papers.

YEAR 11

SUBJECT HOMEWORK

DANCE

Pupils are required to complete coursework of a practical nature. Staff ensure that spaces are made available for pupils to rehearse and refine work out of curriculum time. Pupils can rehearse during lunchtimes or after school and staff ensure that these sessions are supervised to assure quality guided learning.

GEOGRAPHY

Pupils receive one piece of homework per week. Each task is designed to ensure that pupils spend one hour completing their homework.

ART & DESIGN

Pupils will be expected to complete at least two sides of A4 per week (approximately one hour) on their coursework project.

MUSIC

Music homework at KS4 is set by teachers at least once a week. Homework will typically involve completing work set in class, revising notes/preparing for tests, completing composing and performing coursework. We expect homework to take around 1 hour a week to complete. With the nature of the subject being practical, we expect pupils to practice for their performances which we view as **essential** homework. When specific homework is not set then we encourage pupils to complete music theory work, practicing keyboard/ instrumental/singing as a way of developing pupils' general music ability. This work can be accessed using the VLE or pupils can speak to their teacher to obtain materials.

MFL

Pupils will receive regular (fortnightly) learning homeworks (lists of topic specific vocabulary) to be assessed through vocabulary tests. In addition, pupils will be given regular written homework, often relating to preparation for GCSE speaking and writing assessments, but also in relation to grammar or the current topic of study. Dates of GCSE speaking and writing assessments will be available via the VLE.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Pupils studying GCSE PE are set homework tasks on a weekly basis that are linked to the topics being studied for successful completion of the course. These will include investigating factors that affect participation and performance; leisure and recreation; diet & training; school, physical education and the encouragement of a healthy, fit and active lifestyle. Pupils will also complete an analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of hosting the 2012 Olympics. Pupils are encouraged to develop their own personal leadership skills and may be asked to research correct sports technique or information about sporting personalities and up to date sporting topics in the news – demonstrating the importance of being a positive and well informed role model.

CREATIVE & MEDIA

On-going coursework for each of the 7 Units that we study. This might include research tasks or continuing and finishing tasks, such as pupils logs, PowerPoint and other presentations, creative and design projects. Pupils are expected to spend one hour per week to ensure they meet unit deadlines for completion.

SOCIOLOGY

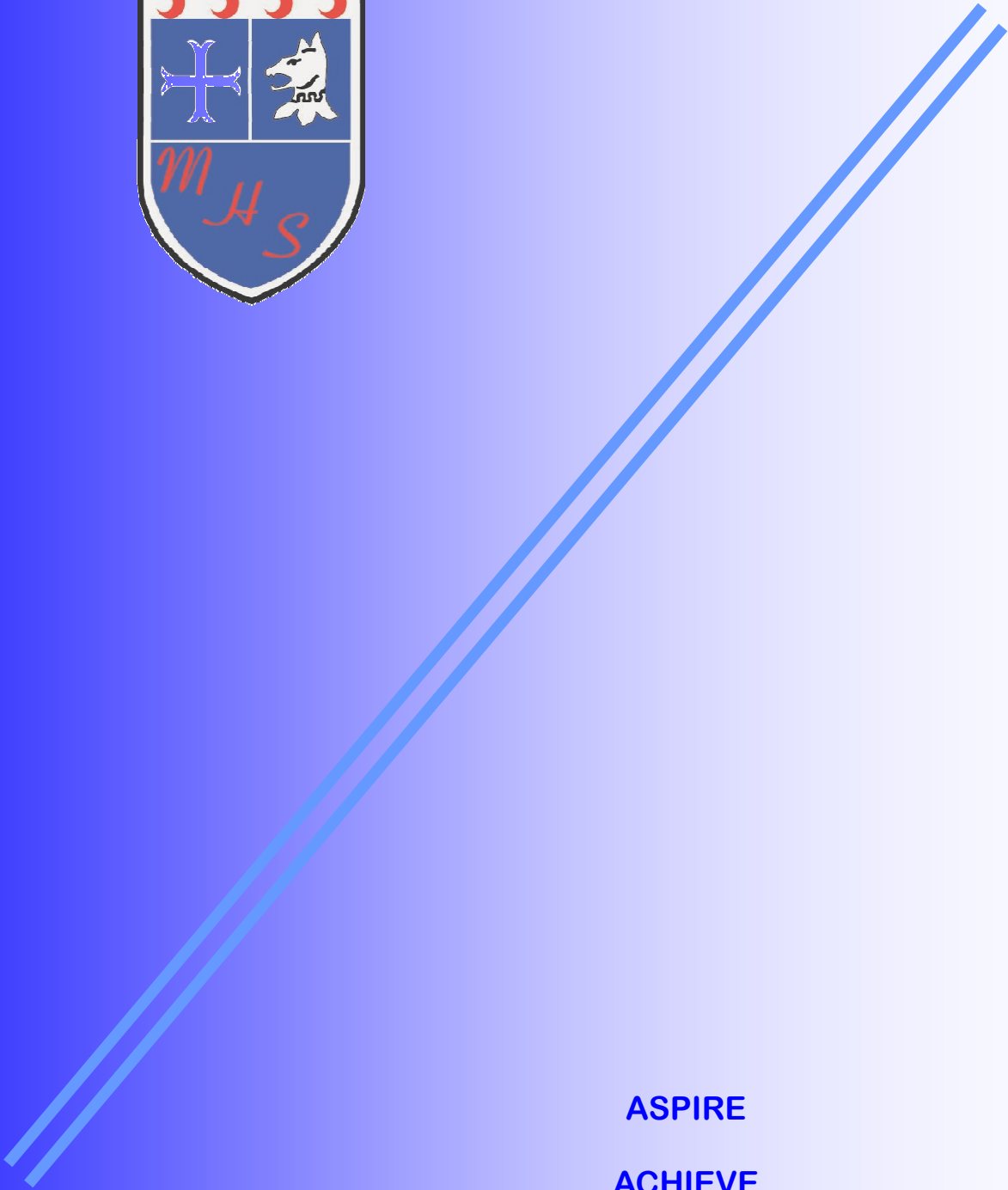
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TRAVEL & TOURISM

Pupils are provided with a series of units to complete in Travel and Tourism as the course is 100% coursework. When each unit is set pupils are given assessment criteria. Pupils are required to spend one hour per week on completing each unit set in class.

HISTORY

Pupils receive one piece of homework per week. Homework is either a research task, written work, presentation or project based. Each task is designed to ensure that pupils spend at least one hour completing their homework.



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