



Maghull High School

Homework Information for Parents Year 9

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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/missed: _____ Number of lessons completed: _____ Date: _____ 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 9

SUBJECT HOMEWORK

ENGLISH

KS3 homework: standard format for Year 9 to include: half-termly projects, linked to unit of work being studied; 1 spelling / grammar homework per week; 1 private reading homework per week.

MATHS

Mathematics Unit 1: statistics and data 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. To help pupils prepare for maths beyond the classroom there will be a termly extended project set, focussing on the functional elements of real life mathematics for pupils to complete and hand into their maths teacher. Details of the project can be found on the 'mymaths' website, the school VLS and our departmental website www.mhsmaths.co.uk

SCIENCE

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

ICT

Homework in year 9 is very important and is set at the beginning of term; pupils are expected to work on their project approximately 45 minutes each week. The project is part of their OCR National programme and constitutes part of their overall mark.

D&T

Homework will consist of preparation for the controlled assessment aspect of the course and knowledge based tasks. This will be set on average once per fortnight.

MUSIC

Homework in Music in KS3 is set by teachers when required to consolidate learning from a lesson and to prepare for upcoming lessons. The project set in Year 9 is Popular Music. This project covers a 6-7 week period and pupils should spend ½ an hour each week to complete their project. Other homework when set should take 20-30 minutes to complete. 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.

DRAMA

Pupils are encouraged to watch drama in all forms. This leads to discussions within lessons and covers all manner of topics including performance skills, use of music and the structure of a piece of drama. Pupils are asked to become objective spectators, learning from others rather than just observing. Pupils also have many opportunities to push their learning further through the school's very own theatre company 'Raw Edge'. This requires pupils to work with Sixth Form pupils and work towards a performance, which is presented to a live audience. Pupils must use their own time to learn lines and rehearse with their director. We also offer pupils the opportunity to audition for the Key Stage 3 production. If successful, they must work with a large team to create a performance that is presented to a live audience.

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.

HISTORY

Pupils receive one piece of homework per fortnight. Each task is designed to ensure that pupils spend at least 30 minutes completing their homework. Homework is either a research task, written work, presentation or project based.

BUSINESS STUDIES

Homework will take the form of a project comprising of a number of tasks relating to the launch of a new product. This project will be set during September and the completion date of work to be undertaken at home will be the end of November. Tasks will be varied and include research, written work and the production of artefacts. A copy of the project details and tasks will be available on the shared drive/VLE.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE is a practical subject and homework is largely in the form of encouraging pupils to adopt a healthy active lifestyle through extra-curricular involvement. There are many lunch time and after school clubs and teams which are updated each half term. At times pupils may be required to research an activity or watch a performance as a homework task. Those pupils in Year 9 who have opted to take a Level 2 qualification in PE will be given homework tasks each week to enable them to successfully complete each unit of the BTEC course.

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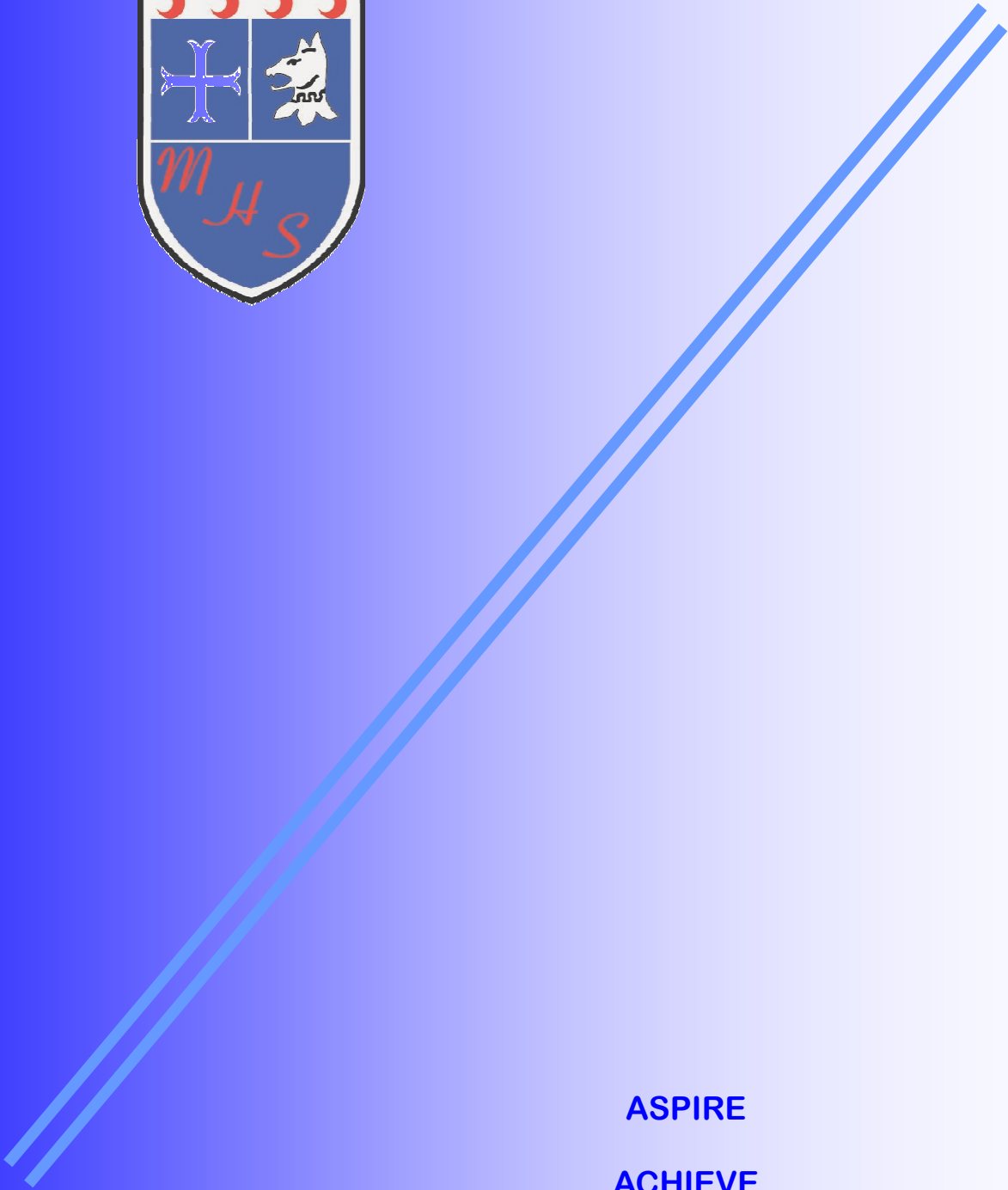
ART & DESIGN

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

MFL

GCSE groups will be set fortnightly learning homework (vocabulary lists). Written homework will also be set regularly and may be topic or grammar based. Preparation (learning) for GCSE speaking and writing assessments will also be done at home. Dates of speaking and writing assessments will be available via the VLE.

FGCSE groups will be set revision/learning homework prior to unit assessments (minimum 3 units to be studied, with 4 assessments per unit).



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