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HOMEWORK GUIDANCE



King's Academy Ringmer

INTRODUCTION

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOMEWORK

At King's Academy Ringmer (KAR), we are committed to providing a high-quality education that helps every student reach their full potential. One of the key components of this educational journey is homework, which serves as an essential tool in reinforcing classroom learning and fostering independent study skills. The following outlines the importance of homework and presents some key statistics that support its role in student success.

Homework at KAR is carefully planned to provide students with opportunities to practise what they have learned in class, enhancing retention and deepening their understanding of the subject matter. We use a range of Internet-based platforms such as Sparx and Tassomai to provide homework, which include materials to support the learning as well as to provide tasks that are tailored to each individual student.

THE RESEARCH

Studies consistently show a positive relationship between homework and academic achievement, particularly at the secondary school level. According to research conducted by the Educational Endowment Foundation (EEF), regular and meaningful homework can improve academic performance by up to five months' additional progress each year, particularly when the assignments are well-planned and linked to classroom learning.

Research conducted by Harris Cooper and colleagues at Duke University found that 1 to 2 hours of homework per night for secondary school students can significantly improve learning outcomes. Students who completed assigned homework regularly outperformed those who did not, demonstrating better understanding and retention of key concepts.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) also found that students in countries with moderate homework loads tend to perform better on standardised tests like the PISA exams. Their data indicates that students who spend about an hour on homework each day achieve higher scores compared to those who either do no homework or spend an excessive amount of time on it.



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OTHER BENEFITS

Beyond the clear benefits of improved attainment, homework also encourages independent learning by requiring students to apply their knowledge without immediate teacher guidance. This autonomy helps students develop problem-solving skills, time-management, resilience, and a sense of personal accountability. These attributes not only contribute to academic success but are also critical for students' personal growth and future professional endeavours and support KARs aim of ensuring our students leave as well rounded, confident individuals who are world ready.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

To maximise the benefits of homework, we encourage parents to create a structured and supportive environment for learning at home. Setting aside a quiet space and a regular time each day for homework can help students develop consistent study habits and reduce stress. When parents engage in their child's homework, it provides an opportunity for meaningful interaction and insight into what their child is learning at school. This engagement has been linked to higher levels of academic motivation and achievement.

Homework is an invaluable part of the learning process that reinforces classroom lessons, builds essential life skills, and supports academic achievement. By encouraging and supporting your child's homework habits, you are contributing significantly to their educational success and lifelong learning journey.

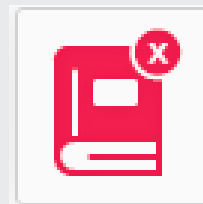
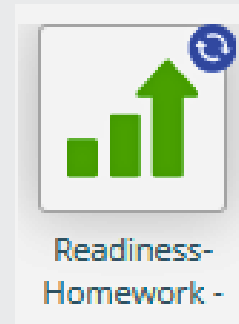


SUPPORT

At KAR we aim to celebrate successful completion of homework through our rewards system. We also recognise that sometimes homework is not completed due to a student being stuck. In such circumstances it is important to communicate with the class teacher before the deadline.

We will be providing lunchtime sessions where staff will support completing homework, as well as informing parents when homework has not been completed. If students fail to complete homework and have not sought support then they will receive a lunchtime detention.

The rest of this document contains details regarding what homework should be completed for each year group for all subjects, as well the relevant platform for completing and submitting the work.



YEAR 11

Subject	Details
English	<p>Platform Tassomai https://www.tassomai.com/ Tassomai is linked to students' KGA Google sign on. Instructions and resources on Google classroom.</p> <p>Rationale Tassomai has an in-built algorithm which adapts the content based on what a student knows. The tasks are knowledge based and built to reinforce the learning from lessons.</p> <p>Completion Set weekly and reviewed by class teacher. Duration will be approximately 1 hour per week.</p> <p>Contact Mr Perry phil.perry@kingsacademies.uk</p>
Maths	<p>Platform Sparxmaths https://sparxmaths.com/</p> <p>Rationale Sparx Maths is an online platform where tasks are mapped to the KAR Maths Curriculum. Personalisation is used to set questions tailored to students' progress. Consolidation work is from previous years. Students are given a set of questions which they must complete in their Orange Homework Books and then enter the answers into the Sparx Maths site</p> <p>Completion Set weekly with an email notification to parents.</p> <p>Contact Jeff Taylor jeff.taylor@kingsacademies.uk</p>



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Science	<p>Platform Tassomai https://www.tassomai.com/</p> <p>Rationale Tassomai has an in-built algorithm which adapts the content based on what a student knows. The tasks are knowledge based and built to reinforce the learning from lessons.</p> <p>Completion Students are given 5 or more learning goals per week. They should be spending at least 40 minutes on this.</p> <p>Contact Ms McCaig zoe.mccaig@kingsacademies.uk</p>
Geography	<p>Platform Tassomai https://www.tassomai.com/</p> <p>Rationale Tassomai has an in-built algorithm which adapts the content based on what a student knows. The tasks are knowledge based and built to reinforce the learning from lessons.</p> <p>Completion Students should complete at least 4 learning goals per week, which should take two hours per fortnight.</p> <p>Contact Ms Pillar sarah.pillar@kingsacademies.uk</p>



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History	<p>Platform Tassomai https://www.tassomai.com/</p> <p>Rationale Tassomai has an in-built algorithm which adapts the content based on what a student knows. The tasks are knowledge based and built to reinforce the learning from lessons.</p> <p>Completion Students should complete at least 4 learning goals per week, which should take two hours per fortnight.</p> <p>Contact Ms Moorhouse natalie.moorhouse@kingsacademies.uk</p>
MFL	<p>Platform Instructions and resources on Google classroom.</p> <p>Rationale Homework to rotate on a carousel between the following skills acquisition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using past present and future tenses accurately• translating high frequency language• key vocabulary• increase cultural awareness <p>Completion Set fortnightly.</p> <p>Contact Mrs Taylor claire.taylor@kingsacademies.uk</p>



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DT	<p>Platform Instructions and resources on Google classroom.</p> <p>Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision will be added over the year:• Bigger Picture Sheets• Seneca Assignments• GCSE Pod• NEA Mock Portfolio <p>Completion Worked on as appropriate to progress in lessons and teacher feedback. At Least once every 2 weeks</p> <p>Contact Mrs Hepburn rosie.hepburn@kingsacademies.uk</p>
Food and Nutrition	<p>Platform Instructions and resources on Google classroom.</p> <p>Rationale Practical preparation: - Ingredient selection and purchase, brought to school on the appropriate day. Food theory preparation: - independent research and revision for termly written assessment.</p> <p>Completion Set weekly, check for identified lessons for theory and practical.</p> <p>Contact Mrs Budd fiona.budd@kingsacademies.uk</p>



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Computing	<p>Platform Instructions and resources on Google classroom.</p> <p>Rationale Reading specific to theory topics, watching theory videos and workbook exercises. Students may also extend their knowledge of Python programming using the tutorials in the Google Classroom.</p> <p>Completion Set weekly to be complete within 7 school days.</p> <p>Contact Mr Cioci anthony.cioci@kingsacademies.uk</p>
Music	<p>Platform Instructions and resources on Google classroom. Teaching Gadget log in: username: Ringmer / Password: music. Focus on Sound log in: Username: first initial surname (E.g. J Bloggs) / Password: Music101.</p> <p>Rationale Practising instrument/voice, recap and learn keywords, consolidate learning of key words to use in music, learning or revising specific theory and/or listening knowledge.</p> <p>Completion Performance Coursework: Practise weekly – 3 x 15 minute sessions. Composition Coursework: at least 30 minutes Independent Work weekly – responding to feedback. Additional individual tasks may be set once per fortnight</p> <p>Contact Ms Urquhart francesca.urquhart@kingsacademies.uk</p>



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