

September 2016

Lymm High School



Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Homework

This letter is a reminder of the organisation of homework now your son/daughter enters a new academic year. It is the school's policy to have a homework programme which is an extension of the curriculum time. Homework is an essential part of school life, supporting the curriculum, subject interests and developing core skills such as organisation and independent learning.

Please note that the following is an approximation and the specific time will vary from week to week:

	Subject	Y7	Y8	Y9	Frequency set
KEY STAGE 3	English	60 mins.	60 mins.	90 mins.	Weekly
	Maths	60 mins.	60 mins.	90 mins.	Weekly
	Science	45 mins.	45 mins.	45 mins.	Weekly
	Geography	60 mins.	60 mins.	90 mins.	Fortnightly
	History	60 mins.	60 mins.	90 mins.	Fortnightly
	R.S.	30 mins.	30 mins.	40 mins.	Fortnightly
	French	45 mins.	45 mins.	45 mins.	Weekly
	Second Language	N/A	45 mins.	45 mins.	Weekly
	Art	120 mins.	120 mins.	120 mins.	Half termly
	Technology	120 mins.	120 mins.	120 mins.	Half termly
	ICT	60 mins.	120 mins.	120 mins.	Half termly
	Performing Arts	120 mins.	120 mins.	120 mins.	Half termly
<p>As a rule homework will not be set in PE unless revision is required before the assessment period, or if there is a project which requires additional work outside of class, in which case students, will be provided with specific details, via Show My Homework. Performing Arts incorporates Music, Drama and Dance and will be based on a project based on the class curriculum, which is also the case for all work that is set with a half termly frequency.</p> <p>In addition to the work set in class all students in Key Stage 3 are expected to regularly revise and review their notes, seek enrichment opportunities and challenges. They are also expected to read for pleasure for at least 20 minutes a night. In addition to promoting reading for pleasure, students benefit from enhanced fluency and the wider general knowledge that arises from regular reading, thus supporting learning in all aspects of the curriculum. Reading should be monitored by parents and will not be directly supervised by teachers. Literacy will continue to be promoted throughout the curriculum and reading for pleasure will be supported in all subjects areas and through the DEAR approach (Drop Everything And Read)</p> <p>All students will be provided with details of stretch & challenge and enrichment opportunities from each Faculty area, which they can complete without specific direction from the class teacher. We would urge parents to encourage their child to complete these additional activities if homework is completed quickly or easily.</p>					

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	There should never be an opportunity for a child to say that they have no homework as these extension activities are available all year round and designed to enhance and develop the curriculum content to its very maximum.			
KEY STAGE 4	Please note that the following is an approximation and the specific time will vary from week to week:			
		Y10	Y11	Frequency
	English	120 mins	120 mins	Weekly
	Maths	140 mins	140 mins	Weekly
	Science	135 mins	135 mins	Weekly
	Option subjects will have 60 minutes per week, per subject as appropriate and dependent upon revision, examination schedule and controlled assessments.			
In addition to the work set in class all students in Key Stage 4 are expected to read for pleasure for a minimum of 30 minutes a night; this will be monitored by parents and not directly supervised by teachers. Literacy skills will continue to be promoted across the curriculum, as will reading for pleasure.				
All students will be provided with details of stretch & challenge and enrichment opportunities from each faculty area, which they should complete without specific direction from the class teacher.				

Please can you assist us each week by signing the Student Planner in the space provided and checking your child's homework via your parent log in for Show My Homework. It is important that you do not only check via your child's log in as, unlike the parent log in, the work is not visible when they click complete. If you have any log in difficulties please either contact help@showmyhomework.co.uk or myself at school.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that the Independent Learning Resource Centre (ILC) is open from 8am in the morning every day, until 4pm Monday – Thursday. The ILC has up to date resources, computers and Teaching Assistants to aid completion of work, as part of a whole school homework club. This is also open throughout lunch times as well. The ILC is an ideal place to seek help, support or even just to make a start on the homework, particularly if there is limited access to a computer at home.

Additional help and guidance is available for both parents and students on the school website www.lymmhigh.org.uk/parents/homework.

Yours faithfully



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