

At The Taunton Academy we believe in the value that effective homework adds to a student's progress and confidence. Recent research into student success has shown the value of homework as a foundation for future success. The quotes below focus on A Level success, based on a strong foundation of regular homework throughout a student's schooling. The principle transfers to all student progress at all levels.

*Students who reported they spent significant amounts of time on **homework daily** in Year 11 were nine times more likely to get three A-levels than those who did no regular homework*

*...pupils get better A-levels through reading for pleasure, education trips and **regular homework**, .....*

*...students were significantly more likely to go on to attain three or more A-levels .....where they experienced average or good levels of **academic enrichment at home**.*

Sutton Trust 2015

Homework Enables students to:

- Consolidate and extend work covered in class or prepare for new learning
- Access resources that are not available in the classroom
- Develop research skills
- Complete independent work
- Demonstrate understanding and progress
- Enhance their study skills e.g. planning, time management and self-organisation
- Show ownership and responsibility for their learning
- Engage parents/carers with their child's learning

Students' homework tasks will be recorded by teachers on SHOW MY HOMEWORK. This can be accessed via our school website. Each student is given individual login details and so parents can access, with their child, the homework tasks. The days on which homework is set are individually recorded, in their planner. The table on the next page shows how often homework will be set.



## Homework Expectations and Guidance

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
English	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
Maths	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
Science	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
History	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly		
Geography	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly		
Languages	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly		
Art	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly		
Drama	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly		
Design Tech	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly		
Graphics	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly		
IT	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly		
Music	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly		
RP	Fortnightly	Fortnightly	Fortnightly		
OPTIONS				Weekly	Weekly
Homework Approximate Duration	30 minutes per subject	30 minutes per subject	45 minutes per subject	45 minutes per subject	60 minutes per subject

<p>The Teacher will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set homework according to the academy guidelines</li><li>• Provide extension opportunities for students in their homework</li><li>• Set deadlines for homework completion and ensure they are met</li><li>• Mark all homework and award merits for excellent work</li><li>• Record in the planner when homework is not completed</li></ul>
<p>The Student will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listen carefully to homework instructions and record any necessary details in their planner</li><li>• Organise time to complete homework, either at home or at the school study support</li><li>• Ensure that homework is completed and handed in to meet the deadline</li><li>• Attempt all work and complete it to the best of their ability</li><li>• Speak to the teacher about any homework difficulties, before the homework is due</li></ul>
<p>The Parents/Carer will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support the student in their organisation and agree a time that homework will be done.</li><li>• Help balance clubs and other outside activities so that students do not become pressured.</li><li>• Check the amount of time spent on homework and the presentation so that homework is a reflection of the student's best efforts.</li><li>• Encourage students to attempt all the work or to seek support from the teacher.</li><li>• Let the teacher know, via the Student Planner, if the student is finding the work too easy or too challenging.</li></ul>
<p>Homework Rewards and Sanctions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Merits will be awarded for excellent homework, completed on time. This will be directly proportional to effort and achievement.</li><li>• Where homework is not handed in, students will be given the opportunities to complete the work by the following day/lesson.</li><li>• If the work has still not been completed, students will stay for a 10 minutes detention with the class teacher, during which time they will complete either the Homework or other suitable tasks.</li><li>• Repeated failure to complete Homework will be brought to the attention of the Head of Year, Tutor and parents and a detention set.</li></ul>

## Homework Support

### **Study Support:**

We provide a study support programme every afternoon from 3.15 to 4.00pm. This takes place in the Library and all students are welcome to attend

### **Subject Specific Study Support Provision:**

Many of our subjects provide study support resources that students can access from home, please find details below.

### **English:**

The best revision in English is reading properly edited printed writing – newspapers, magazines and books are all great as they broaden your vocabulary and improve spellings. Reading aloud, with a particular emphasis on following the punctuation, is especially valuable. Unlike other subjects there are very few free websites for additional work but your English teacher would be delighted to recommend a revision book to buy. If you need somewhere online to go at home to do some extra practice, we would suggest the following: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z3kw2hv>

### Maths:

All homework is recorded on Show My Homework and completed on the Hegarty Maths website. If you need somewhere to go at home to do some extra practice, we would suggest the following websites:

[www.mrbartonmaths.com](http://www.mrbartonmaths.com)

[www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com)

[www.numeracyninjas.org](http://www.numeracyninjas.org)

### Science:

**We highly recommend our students access a specific set of Collins revision books that can be purchased online or from the usual retailers.**

- [Interactive notes and more](#) from BBC Bitesize
- [Notes](#) from passmyexams.co.uk
- [Revision notes](#) from thestudentroom.co.uk
- [Quizzes](#) from lovebiology.co.uk
- ['gcse biology revision'](#) Google search
- [Various resources](#) from revisionscience.com
- [gcse chemistry revision'](#) Google search
- ['gcse ocr physics revision'](#) Google search

**Students will also be set Home learning tasks using the Doodle website. This is set via SMHW.**

Students will need to open the link below: [www.doddlelearn.co.uk](http://www.doddlelearn.co.uk) The School name is (it will search for the school): The Taunton Academy TA2 7QP Student's Username is: NameSurname13 e.g. JohnSmith13 Student's Password is: Taunton (*Students may have changed their password*). Students in year 11 use 13 after their first name and surname Year 10 -14 Year 9 - 15 Year 8 - 16 Year 7 – 17.

GCSE Exam Specification(s)

**Official Specs** by OCR

**GCSE Past Papers and Solutions**

- [Papers, mark schemes and examiners reports](#) by OCR
- **GCSE Revision Videos - Biology, Chemistry and Physics**
- [Revision Videos By A\\* Students](#) from SnapRevise
- **GCSE Revision Books and Guides**
- [CGP's](#) GCSE OCR Gateway Science Range
- Collins GCSE Revision Guides - to be purchased via parentmail

### Humanities:

[www.geographyalltheway.com](http://www.geographyalltheway.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[www.historylearningsite.co.uk](http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk)

### Languages:

Language learning at the Taunton Academy is strongly supported with some great websites: [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com) for vocabulary games and revision at elementary, beginner and even intermediate level on all of the topics we are covering this term.

[www.duolingo.com](http://www.duolingo.com) – 100% free and fun language learning from just 5 minutes per day.

### Creative Design:

[www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes](http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes)

Students can see homework tasks and ingredients required for each lesson on Show My Homework or on windows outside the Food Room. The Food Booklet containing all ingredients, recipes and worksheets can be accessed on the school website under iAcademy/DT/Food/.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/zsf8wmn/revision/4>