

Homework Policy 2026-27

At Mayfield we have updated our homework programme to equip students with positive study skills. Pupils will all receive a copy of a knowledge organiser for each subject each term. These will include an overview of the topics students have been learning in each of their subject lessons. They will then be required to use these knowledge organisers to complete regular revision tasks for each subject to help embed this knowledge.

The purpose of these homework tasks is to develop students independent learning skills, revision skills, time management and a love of the subjects pupils are studying. In addition to supporting them to prepare for their assessments in both KS3 and KS4.

What are revision tasks

Students will be expected to complete revision tasks using the knowledge organisers, these could take on the form of mind maps, revision cards, making quiz questions, practicing skills for example shading in art, using the look, cover, write, check technique. The idea is to explore the techniques that work best for them and to build healthy routines with their studying.

How will teachers check homework has been completed

This may take on various forms, for example with a short retrieval test at the beginning of the lesson, asking to see evidence of the revision, for example to bring in your revision cards or mind maps, or skills practice for example sketches.

Frequency of KS3 Homework

In KS3 pupils will be expected to complete one task per week for core subjects and one per fortnight for all other subjects.

This will equate to around 2.5 hours homework per week. In addition, we strongly encourage all KS3 pupils to attend some of our extra-curricular clubs, there are a wide range on offer in the majority of our subject areas, particularly practical. All pupils should also be reading from their private reading book for 15-30 minutes per day to develop their reading and comprehension skills.

Frequency of KS4 Homework

In KS4 pupils are expected to complete around 1 hour a week in core subjects – English, Maths and Science and 1 hour a fortnight in options subjects.

This would equate to around 6 hours homework per week. Key Stage 4 homework should be focused around revision tasks and developing revision skills in preparation for exams, but could be a mixture of different activities: online revision, quizzes, assignments, videos, practice written answers, learning key vocabulary and terminology specific to subjects or practising a practical skill. The homework set will depend on the needs of the individual, class or subject.

Setting homework

Homework tasks will be set independently by class teachers who will explain what they want to see from the student, i.e. retrieval test, or revision evidence etc. These tasks will all be set on classcharts so that all students and their families are aware of the tasks.

Homework expectations

At Mayfield we expect all homework set to be completed to the best of the pupil's ability and in accordance with the time frame and deadlines set. If these expectations are not met the teacher will set a consequence, which in most cases will be a detention to complete the homework.

Homework support

If you are unsure of any homework tasks set you should always ask the teacher who set it. Students can go to see the teacher in person or you can contact them via email. We also run homework club week after school, there will be members of staff present to support pupils with their homework tasks and help guide them with revision skills. This is a good way to encourage pupils to manage their time and increase their independence with completion of homework tasks.