



Homework Guidance 2020 – 2021

Rationale

Homework is work to be completed by students outside of their timetabled lessons. It is an integral part of education. Homework enhances student learning as it enables them to consolidate and extend their learning, develop research skills and take responsibility for their learning. It promotes self-discipline, improves achievement, and develops resilience. Homework is carefully integrated into schemes of learning for all curriculum areas.

Homework categories

Homework at Caister Academy will fall into one of the following three categories:

- Revising knowledge - including key facts or new vocabulary.
- Practicing skills taught in lessons.
- Developing a broader understanding of a subject through research or further reading.

Homework expectations

Teachers will:

- Set homework according to the frequency indicated in the attached table.
- Provide students with the means to assess any practice completed.
- Monitor completion of homework using Go4Schools.
- Award praise as appropriate.

Students will:

- Access their homework calendar through Go4Schools.
- Request help from a member of staff or a parent if necessary.
- Complete homework to a high standard and on time.

Parents will:

- Check homework due through Go4Schools.
- Ensure students have a quiet space to work at home, or that they access support facilities at school.
- Ensure students complete their homework to a high standard and on time.
- Communicate concerns about homework with the relevant teaching staff.

Homework monitoring

So that all stakeholders can support the completion of homework to a high standard, it is important that the monitoring of this is centralised. Therefore:

- All homework will be set and monitored on Go4Schools.
- Staff will record completion of homework on Go4Schools. There is no expectation to record marks.

How long should be spent on homework?

Year Group	Time guidance
7	5 x 40min subject homework and 5 x 20min reading for pleasure
8	5 x 50min subject homework and 5 x 25min reading for pleasure
9	5 x 60min subject homework and 5 x 30min reading for pleasure
10	5 x 75min subject homework and 5 x 20min reading for pleasure or around subjects
11	5 x 90min subject homework and 5 x 20min reading for pleasure or around subjects

Homework frequency

Year Group	Weekly	Fortnightly	Half Termly
7	English Mathematics Science	Computing Modern Foreign Languages	Creative Arts Ethics Geography History Performing Arts
8	English Mathematics Science	Computing Modern Foreign Languages	Creative Arts Ethics Geography History Performing Arts
9	English Mathematics Science	Computing Modern Foreign Languages	Creative Arts Ethics Geography History Performing Arts
10	English Mathematics Science	BTEC Sport BTEC Travel and Tourism Business Computing Creative Arts Geography History Modern Foreign Languages Performing Arts	
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Student Homework Login Information

Whilst we set and monitor all homework on Go4Schools, students may be directed to other subject specific portals in order to complete work. The student login information for each of the portals that are currently being used is outlined below.

Kerboodle: Mathematics and Science – Years 7 to 9.

- www.kerboodle.com/users/login
- **Username:** student name
- **Password:** student name
- **Institution code:** mo9

MyMaths: Mathematics – Years 7 to 11.

- www.mymaths.co.uk/login
- **School username:** caister
- **School password:** decimal
- **My portal username:** Students individual username, provided by their mathematics teacher
- **My portal password:** Student's individual password, provided by their mathematics teacher

JustMaths: Mathematics – Years 7 to 11.

- online.justmaths.co.uk
- **Login:** CaisterStudent
- **Password:** Caister

Other Useful Website Resources:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.samlearning.com

www.senecalearning.com