



Homework at Caister Academy

Our intent

Homework is work to be completed by students outside of their timetabled lessons. It is an integral part of education designed to enhance student learning; purposeful homework enables students to consolidate and extend their learning, be independent and take responsibility for their own studies, thus improving their achievement.

What will homework look like?

All homework will be pre-planned and purposefully sequenced in line with the curriculum schemes of learning. Homework will fall within one of two categories:

1. Extended Practice

- To improve fluency and confidence
- To embed recall and retrieval practice which will support with long-term memory acquisition.

2. Independent Practice

- To allow students to explore a subject at a deeper level
- Self-directed or creative/tangent learning, building students' capacity for independent learning and promoting independent thinkers.

Examples of homework tasks

Extended Practice

An extension of learning that takes place in the classroom with structured guidelines/'checklists for success' to support.

- Routine question and answers
- Pre-lesson preparation/pre-study
- Retrieval practice: recall and reactivation activities
- Timed practice responses
- Additional practice opportunities (based on learning tasks completed in lesson)
- Revision
- Knowledge organisers.

Independent Practice

Learning activities that would not traditionally take place the classroom or do not need extended teacher-led input.

- Research
- Open-ended projects
- Creative product-making
- Retrieval practice: prior learning applied in new contexts
- Tangent learning (be inspired to learn more/investigate based on engaging content)
- Choice based learning e.g. menu homework – extension/challenge homework etc
- Knowledge organisers.

How to access homework

Teachers:

- Set homework using G4S according to the frequency indicated in the timetable below
- Monitor completion of homework using Go4Schools
- Award praise as appropriate.

Students:

- 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:

- 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.

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

