

# KS3 Homework at *The Cherwell School*

This document outlines the type and amount of homework you might expect for your child in each subject.

## English:

At KS3 all students are expected to read for 30 minutes per day and learn one set of 10 vocabulary words per fortnight. Students will also be set one hour of homework per week.

Typical homework activities include:

- Reading non-fiction articles that consolidate what has been taught in class or will introduce new content to be covered in subsequent lessons
- Creating revision cards to consolidate understanding and to memorise / revise core content
- Redrafting extended pieces of writing following a feedback lesson
- Comprehension questions based on texts that are read in class or extracts set to be read
- Focused language analysis – quotation exploders
- Extended writing based on language work already covered

## Maths:

Students will be set 45 minutes of homework a week.

- Homework will usually involve answering questions which require students to practise the skills they have learnt in lessons and which give the opportunity to assess for common misconceptions. It may sometimes involve learning vocabulary, definitions and key facts.
- Homework is responded to directly in class either through:
  - Whole class feedback (going through answers and giving worked examples on areas of misconception)
  - A sample set of books is read and a response is planned to re-teach areas of concern
  - A mini- quiz on memory work.
- At least once per fortnight there should be dedicated time in lessons for students to respond to feedback and correct errors in their homework. This should be done in green pen and be clearly labelled in their books. This is also an opportunity to set extension tasks for those students who have performed strongly.

## Science:

Students will be set between 30 and 60 minutes of homework per week. Students learn two topics consecutively and so will be set homework approximately once a week.

The students will be set two types of homework throughout KS3:

- Pre-learning homework at the start and sometimes in the middle of longer topics
- Revision homework throughout the topic.

### Pre-learning Homework

This is a short specific task set to help students familiarise themselves with key vocabulary before it is taught in class. They are issued with a science revision book to help them complete the task. It will be set at the start or midpoint of a topic. This homework should not take more than 30 mins to complete. This will then be checked in class and feedback given.

### Revision Homeworks

1. Shorter revision homework: Students will make a set of revision cards for the key words and definitions listed on their knowledge organiser for the topic. This homework will take approximately 30 mins. The cards will be checked in class and students will be given either –
  - a short quiz to informally assess their knowledge and then feedback will be given.
  - two assessment style questions to informally assess their knowledge and then feedback will be given.
2. Longer Revision homework: the students will use their complete set of revision cards to learn all the key knowledge for a topic. They will then be given a longer assessment in class (approximately 40 mins). This homework will take a varying amount of time but is more effectively completed repeatedly in short chunks of time e.g. 3x20 mins. Students should use their cards,

exercise books and revision books to help them embed the concepts learnt. This will be marked by their teacher and then an appropriate feedback lesson will be taught.

## Modern Foreign Languages:

MFL set homework twice a fortnight at KS3 (totalling approximately) 1 hour.

Typical homework activities include:

- Learning new vocabulary or revising previous vocabulary lists for tests.
- Reading a text or an explanation in preparation for future class work.
- Completing a grammar task.
- Learning a new grammar rule.
- Writing a response to one or more questions in the target language.
- Preparing a speaking task.
- Completing a translation task.
- Revising for an assessment

Homework is marked in class (translation, gap-fill, comprehension questions) or by the teacher (writing in the target language at paragraph or sentence level). The feedback is informative and helps students progress by setting clear targets (see below for more guidance).

## Humanities:

Students will be set one hour of homework per fortnight

Typical humanities homework activities include:

- Making revision cards and revising
- Reading and comprehension exercises that either consolidate previous class learning or pre-learning for up-coming lesson.

In both cases, follow-up quizzes will take place to check that reading and revision has been learnt securely.

## RS/PSHCE:

### Year 7-8 Social Wellbeing:

In the spirit of the subject and in order to be a place apart from and to reflect on the other pressures of school life, we do not set homework for Social Wellbeing.

### Year 7-8 Religious Studies:

Students are set homework no more than **one lesson a fortnight**. Each homework should take **30-45 minutes**.

- For each KS3 RS unit of work there are the following homeworks:
  - Comprehension question sheets based on a reading that supports the unit content
  - Revision of key terms and concepts in preparation for quick quizzes
  - Revision of key terms and concepts in preparation for the knowledge test
  - Preparation for formative written assessment
- How this will be assessed: Different methods of recall to test the knowledge, for example quick quizzes, co-operative team or individual information-finding challenges using their materials.

### Year 9 Citizenship:

- Students are set **1-2 homeworks per fortnight**. Each homework should take **30 minutes – 1 hour**.
- For each term of Citizenship will include the following homeworks:
  - Comprehension question sheets based on a news story or subject content.
  - Revision of key terms and concepts in preparation for quick quizzes
  - Revision of key terms and concepts in preparation for the knowledge test
  - Preparation for formative written assessment
- How this will be checked: Different methods of recall to test the knowledge, for example quick quizzes, co-operative team or individual information-finding challenges using their materials, acknowledgement, and contributing to formal assessment.

## Computing:

With only approximately six lessons per term, the homework for KS3 Computing will be **issued once per term**.

Typical Computing homeworks include

- learning new terminology or revising previous terminology to prepare for the mid or end of unit assessments. These could be in the form of crosswords, fill-in-the-gap terminology questions, word searches, matching terminology to definitions etc.

Homework will be marked in the lesson by the students themselves to ensure that they have the correct understanding of the terminology.

\*Note: Performing Arts and PE do not set homework.