

2023-2024

KS3 Curriculum



Year 8 Homework, Assessment & Reporting Information

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Year 8 Homework

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The purpose of homework:

- To consolidate and reinforce learning.
- To help students prepare for the next lesson.
- To allow students to prepare and revise for tests.
- To encourage students to develop the skills and confidence to study on their own.

What students should expect regarding homework:

- No homework will be set during a holiday.
- Homework will not be set for the next day.
- Students will be set between 60 and 90 minutes of homework each day.

How much homework will students receive each week?

- English and Science 2 x 30 minutes.
- Maths 1 x 60 minutes.
- MFL 1 x 30 minutes per week to include regular learning of grammar and vocabulary.
- History and Geography 1 x 30 minutes.
- Practical subjects may set some preparation work for students prior to a practical lesson.
- RE and Computing will set revision homework prior to end of term tests and end of year exams.

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Based on the feedback that we receive from students and parents, we have tried to ensure the following:

1. There is more consistency in subjects that give homework.
2. No homework is set in the subjects that should not be setting homework.
3. No homework is set over a holiday period.
4. Homework is not set when students are revising for tests (but revision work may be set).
5. Homework is not set for the following day.
6. All KS3 topics are listed on the school website (www.weatherheadhigh.co.uk/curriculum/KS3).
7. The time to be spent on homework is specified, clearly, by all teachers.

From September we will continue using:

1. A section in the pupil planner that all students must complete, identifying the length of time it has taken to complete a piece of homework.
2. Recommended resources for parents/carers to support student learning.
3. Homework clubs set up by all faculty areas.

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Homework will be set on the following days. Students should record information in the student planner, including the due date and the expected duration of homework tasks.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8L	English History	Science	Maths Geography	English Spanish	Science
8O	English History	Science Spanish	Maths	English Science	Geography
8B	English Science	History	Maths Geography	English Science	Spanish
8H	English Science	Geography History	Maths Science	English	Spanish
8R	English Geography	Science Spanish	Maths	English History	Science
8W	English	Science History	Maths Geography	English Spanish	Science
8C	Science Spanish	English	Maths Geography	English Science	History
8M	English Science	Geography	Maths Spanish	English Science	History
8S	English Spanish	Science Geography	Maths	English	Science History
8A	English Science	Geography	Maths History	English Science	Spanish

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- Below you can see how long you should be spending on your homework in each subject.
- The homework set by each subject may consist of one or more tasks.
- Teachers will specify how long each piece of homework will take, and students must record how long it took them in their planner.

Subject	Frequency	Time
Maths	Once per week	60 minutes
English	Twice per week	30 minutes each
Science	Twice per week	30 minutes each
Spanish	Once per week	30 minutes
History	Once per week	30 minutes
Geography	Once per week	30 minutes

Year 8 Homework and Support Clubs

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- Homework clubs operate on a 'drop-in' basis, so students are welcome to attend any time they are in need of support.
- Class teachers will occasionally ask students to attend a homework club should they feel it is necessary.
- Students who are struggling with homework should seek support from their class teachers in the first instance.

After School Homework Clubs

Year 8	Day	Room	Time
	Monday	F204	3:15pm - 4:15pm
	Wednesday	F204	3:15pm - 4:15pm
	Thursday	F204	3:15pm - 4:15pm

Subject KS3 Support Clubs

Subject	Day	Room	Time
Maths	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	C103	Lunchtime
Spanish	Monday	B201	Lunchtime
Science	Tuesday	D203	Lunchtime
Geography	Wednesday	B008	Lunchtime
English	Thursday	B206	Lunchtime
History	Friday	B002/B003	Lunchtime

LRC

Day	Lunchtime	After School (3:15pm - 5.30pm)
Monday	LRC	LRC
Wednesday	LRC	LRC
Thursday	LRC	LRC
Friday	LRC	LRC (until 4.30pm)

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How will students' progress be assessed?

- Teachers' regular marking of students' exercise books. Comments and targets set by teachers will guide students to make progress in their learning.
- End of term test in English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Computing, RE and MFL subjects (please refer to the assessment calendar for the dates).
- Week commencing 12th February 2023, students will sit a skills test in English, Maths, Geography and History.

When will students' progress be assessed?

Spring Term:

- You will receive a Progress Update that will inform you of the progress being made.
- Parents' Evening takes place during this term and it is an opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers.

Summer Term:

- At the end of this term, you will receive an End of Year Report and your child's end of year examination results.

Who should I contact if I need to discuss my child's progress?

- Miss Robinson - Year Leader
- Subject Leaders or Heads of Department
- Senior Leadership Team: Mr M Reid - Assistant Headteacher

Year 8 Homework Assessment Calendar 2023-2024

Date	Assessment Activity
W/C Monday 9th October 2023	Year 8 Effort Grades Home
Monday 4th December 2023 - Friday 15th December 2023	End of Term 1 Tests
W/C Monday 22nd January 2024	Year 8 Progress Update Home
W/C Monday 12th February 2024	Year 8 Skills Test
W/C Monday 11th March 2024	Year 8 Skills Test Results Home
Thursday 14th March 2024	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 18th March 2024 – Monday 22nd March 2024	End of Term 2 Tests
W/C Monday 10th June 2024	KS3 End of Year Exams
W/C Monday 15th July 2024	KS3 Reports Home

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weatherheadhigh.co.uk/curriculum/ks3

To access this booklet online, please go to:

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