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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 - Subject Knowledge Organisers and Homework

From Monday 14th September, teachers will begin setting homework for all students in Year 8. Here at BSCS, we value the important role homework plays in the learning, progress and development of our young people and want to share some important information. We have not set homework during the first two weeks to allow students to get back into routines after the summer break.

Learning outside the classroom allows our students to build resilience and develop strong working habits throughout their time at school. Evidence published by the Education Endowment Foundation shows that active engagement with homework at secondary school could add an additional five months of progress to students' learning, as well as improving academic outcomes. Homework provides our students with an opportunity to practice, consolidate and develop the learning that has taken place in the classroom.

How is homework set?

All homework will be set on Arbor. Students will have weekly homework for English, maths, science and languages, and fortnightly homework for religious studies, geography, history, and computing. In addition to this regular homework, students will complete one project per term in another subject. Term 1 is an art project and Term 2 is a product design project (see the table below).

Where possible, homework will be set on the days shown in the timetable below, and students will have one week to complete it. Due to the timetable, some subjects may occasionally set homework on a different day, but students will always be given adequate time to complete the assigned work. We suggest that homework is completed on the night it is set, but understand that this is not always possible.

Homework expectations

We appreciate that each student works differently and that the time taken to complete a task may vary significantly from student to student. Homework activities are therefore time-based: students are asked to **spend a specific amount of time working on homework, depending on their year group.** With each student spending the same amount of time on their homework, no individual should feel overwhelmed or under-challenged by the work set.

Homework must also be submitted by the deadline. Where a deadline is missed, the following behaviour process will apply:

Arbor log	Description	Consequence
C1	First missed deadline	Warning. A new deadline is set for the work to be completed.
C2	A second missed deadline, or failure to submit by the extension deadline	C2 teacher detention (set by the teacher)
C3	Further missed deadlines or repeated non-completion	C3 curriculum detention (set centrally)

Subject Knowledge Organisers

Subject Knowledge Organisers will not be printed this year. They will be available on the school website and are currently being updated to reflect any changes for 2026-27. They are a useful resource for revision and consolidation. If students complete their set homework before the end of the allocated time, they should use the remaining time to self-quiz using the relevant Subject Knowledge Organiser.

Finally, if your child has an EHCP and is struggling with the homework set, please contact their keyworker so that we can discuss an adapted programme. If your child is having difficulty with homework but does not have a keyworker, please contact their tutor or Head of Year.

Kind regards,

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Year 8 Homework timetable

This timetable is the minimum requirement, taking into account parent feedback. We know many students will want to challenge themselves. Oak National Academy Online Classroom is another useful resource where students can access additional home learning tasks.

Week 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English (20-30 minutes)	Maths (20 - 30 minutes)	History (15 minutes) Computing (15 minutes)	Science (20 minutes)	Languages (20 minutes)
Project (30 minutes per week)				

Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English (20-30 minutes)	Maths (20 - 30 minutes)	Geography (15 minutes) Religious Studies (15 minutes)	Science (20 minutes)	Languages (20 minutes)
Project (30 minutes per week)				

Projects (30 mins per week):

Term 1	Art
Term 2	Product Design
Term 3	Drama
Term 4	Reading Challenge
Term 5	Physical Education
Term 6	Music