



A Homework Guide for Parents and Carers



Why is homework important?

Homework is a daily part of secondary school life. Your child will be expected to complete homework independently, however your support and input can have a drastic impact on your child's confidence to complete it.

Homework helps to build on what your child is learning at school and improves their academic achievement.

A Department of Education study that followed 3,000 children over a 15-year period showed that homework had educational benefits, and that pupils who did two to three hours a night got better results.

Homework can have a positive impact of +5 months on your child's learning.



How do we set homework?

All homework is set on Satchel One.

You can use Satchel one to see when homework is due, the resources provided to help your child complete the work and if homework has not been submitted.



You can access Satchel One through any web browser, or you can download the app on your phone.

At the beginning of the year, through forms, we give all parents their log in details. Please contact your child's form tutor if you don't have this.

<https://www.satchelone.com>



How much homework should my child be getting?

Pupils will be set on average the following amount of homework per year group:

Year 7 and 8:

45 min/week Eng, Maths, Sci, RS;
30 min/week Hums, MfL

Year 9:

45 min/week Eng, Maths, Sci, RS;
30 min/Hums, MfL;
30 min/fortnight other subjects

Year 10:

90 min/week Eng, Maths, Sci*;
45 min/week others
*Triple Science may be set an extra 45 min/week

Year 11:

120 min/week Eng, Maths, Sci*;
60 min/week other subjects
*Triple Science may be set an extra 60 min/week

Year 12 and Year 13:

5 hours of homework per subject per week.



What sorts of tasks are set?

English, Religious Studies and Humanities:

These subjects use booklets with weekly tasks. Teachers set instructions on Satchel and attach any documents that can help your child succeed.

Maths:

Maths use the website Sparx: <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student/>

Teachers use Satchel One to remind pupils of the tasks they must complete.

Science:

For Science, pupils will be directed to complete tasks on Century: <https://www.century.tech/> and may be set other tasks on Satchel one.

MFL:

For Spanish or French, pupils may be directed to two websites:

<https://www.sentencebuilders.com/log-in>

<https://app.memrise.com/bienvenue>

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Other subjects may set quizzes, revision work or tasks linked to the learning done in class.



Questions often asked

‘I’m busy and don’t have time to help. What can I do?’

It’s not essential that you sit with your child and work alongside them, but showing an interest is can really encourage them. Ask them what tasks they’re undertaking tonight and sound enthusiastic!

‘I can’t help because education has changed since I was at school. I don’t know what my child is taught.’

You can support by appearing interested in school: reading the school newsletter; attending parents’ evenings; reminding them of homework deadlines. Pupils are provided with a Knowledge Book for all their subjects and most of our homework focuses on recalling information from those books. These are attached to homework and can be found on the school website too.

‘It’s noisy and there’s no space at home’

The school runs a Study Club three times a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 3:00pm and 4:10pm. Study Club is supervised by our experienced teaching staff and Learning Support Assistants who can offer advice and support if required.

There are also opportunities at lunchtimes and break to complete homework in the library.

Late Bus Routes:

Route A – Westbound	Time
Saint Benedict School	16:20
Mackworth, Prince Charles Avenue Shops	16:30
Brakensdale Avenue	16:35
Royal Derby Hospital, Uttoxeter New Road	16:40
Mickleover, Ladybank Road Shops	16:45
Mickleover, Tesco, Kipling Drive	16:50
Nuffield Hospital	16:55
Derby High School	17:00
Blagreaves Lane / Stenson Road Lights	17:05
Cavendish	17:10
Normanton Road, Pak Foods	17:12
Normanton Road, Retail Park (Lidl)	17:15

Route B – Eastbound	Time
Saint Benedict School	16:20
Breadsall Village	16:30
Bishops Drive/Wayfaring Road	16:40
Wilmot Arms, Chaddesden Lane	16:45
Raynesway	16:50
Blue Peter to Keldholme Lane	16:55
The Cornishman to Boulton Lane	17:05
Osmaston Road	17:10
Spider Island	17:15