



Bexhill
Academy

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**KS3 HOMEWORK GUIDE
FOR PARENTS
2024-2025**

Research has demonstrated that high quality homework undertaken by students independently and outside of the timetabled curriculum will have a strong positive impact on student progress. It will help them to achieve their full potential and allow them to become flexible, independent learners who are able to cope with the demands of a future working life.

Homework aims:

Bexhill Academy's Homework Policy aims to:

- Support, consolidate and extend the high-quality classroom learning that students receive.
- Prepare students for new learning activities.
- Develop students' independent learning and study skills.
- Promote personal and independent research.
- Develop key skills such as time management, organisation, and self-motivation.
- Encourage students to take ownership and responsibility for their learning.
- Promote enjoyment of learning for learning's sake.
- Work with parents and involve them in their child's learning.
- Create channels for positive home-school dialogue.

What are the homework expectations at Bexhill Academy?

At KS3:

- Homework will be set weekly for *English, Maths, Science and Reading Plus*.
- Homework will be set fortnightly for *History, Geography and Languages*.
- In all other subjects, students will be provided with homework once a term.
- Homework in each subject should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. However, students may wish to spend more time than this if they would like to exceed expectations or have a particular passion for the subject or task that has been set.

What are the homework procedures?



- All homework will be recorded on *EduLink*.
- We encourage students to complete homework on the day that the homework has been set.
- Students will receive positive points on *EduLink* for each homework submitted.
- Non-submission of homework will be logged on *EduLink* so that parents are kept informed.



When is homework due in?

- Please see the timetable for core subjects at the end of this document. All other subjects will be set termly.


What homework is set in each subject?

For KS3:



Subject	What type of homework is set?	How does this homework support my child's learning?	Additional information:
Reading Plus	<p>Reading Plus is an online reading platform. Students are assessed at the beginning of each term on their reading comprehension during their English library lessons. Students are expected to complete approximately 30 minutes a week. Students' progress and attainment is discussed weekly in tutor literacy lessons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improves your child's reading age, vocabulary knowledge and comprehension skills. 	<p>QR Code:</p>  <p>Link: https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/login</p> <p>Students will need their username and password. If they forget their details, they will need to contact their form tutor.</p>
English	<p>Students are set a homework tasks on Educake, which is an online assessment and revision platform.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improves your child's reading age. ● Reinforces content covered in lessons. ● Provide students choice to direct their own learning and take ownership over their progress. ● Develops your child's literacy outside of school. 	<p>QR Code for Educake:</p>  <p>Link: Educake - Online Formative Assessment for Homework and Classwork</p> <p>If students forget their log in details, they will need to click</p>

			on the 'Trouble logging in?' link on the website for their details to be reset.
Maths	All KS3 students have their homework set on SPARX Maths. The scheme of work is correlated to the current scheme of learning within the lessons and will automatically differentiate by tasks to stretch and challenge the students depending on their ability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develops students' knowledge and skills which have been taught in lessons. ● Allows the student to apply their new knowledge in different worked examples. ● Using the videos on the website, SPARX Maths enables students to watch videos on the specific area they are struggling to help develop their understanding. 	<p>QR Code for Sparxmaths:</p>  <p>Link: https://www.sparxmaths.uk/</p> <p>If students need their passwords changed- they should first click the 'forgotten password' link under the login page- this will either prompt them to reset their password or send an email to their teacher who will be able to reset it.</p>
Science	Homework is set through Educake and some alternative activities at points in the year like Science Week. The homework is linked to the topics they are studying, and then layered through the year to embed students' knowledge and understanding. Homework is set weekly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develops students' content knowledge and enables application of knowledge from what has been taught in lessons. ● Improves skills in science as well as the ability to recall relevant information. 	<p>QR Code for Educake:</p>  <p>Link: Educake - Online Formative Assessment for Homework and Classwork</p> <p>If students forget their log in details, they will need to click on the 'Trouble logging in?'</p>

			link on the website for their details to be reset.
History	Includes a variety of tasks, including research projects, guided reading sheets, answering key questions or creating something.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adds wider context to topics taught in lessons. ● Allows for further reading on topics taught in lessons. ● Checks students' understanding of key concepts. 	
Geography	<p>All Year Seven and Year Eight students are issued with a new Knowledge Organiser at the start of each term. This contains the core questions and subject content for each subject on the timetable. Students can use their Knowledge Organiser to support their homework answers, research and revision.</p> <p>A variety of tasks will be set to support geographical knowledge, understanding of key concepts and mastery of skills. This will include comprehension questions and use of the termly core questions, guided reading sheets, additional research and extended writing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supports lesson content and core questions. ● Checks and supports depth of understanding. ● Encourages independence and curiosity. 	
Languages	Students will have tasks set from their Knowledge Organiser to support their learning in class. They may also have online work on Sentence Builders, Language Gym, Quizziz or Blooket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allows students time to practise the words and phrases they have been learning in class. ● Provides opportunities for 	Students with online homework will find class links on Google Classroom as well as Edulink.

		recall and activation of prior knowledge.	
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A variety of tasks will be set to be completed on paper. ● Work will be brought in to be celebrated, discussed and then presented in sketchbooks. ● All homework will consolidate classroom learning. Creativity and exciting use of media experimentation is strongly encouraged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Allows opportunities to practise key skills learnt in lessons. ● Provides opportunities to design, create and make in students' own time. ● Encourages individuality and students to express themselves freely. 	All students are welcome to attend Art Clubs (Mon & Fri each week for KS3) for teacher support and to use our materials and equipment if needed.
Music	A termly knowledge quiz is set on Google Classroom. This is self-marking and will test students on musical terms and knowledge. They will also test listening and analysis skills. Musical extracts will be listened to and questions answered about them (analysing key features). Students are encouraged to attend clubs/extra-curricular and practice an instrument/singing to advance their musical progress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides recall opportunities for key terms and knowledge. ● Improves active listening and analysis skills. ● Improves performing skills. 	<p>Students will need to log onto Google Classroom to complete the quizzes.</p> <p>They may also log onto 'YuStudio' - a digital audio workstation where students can practise producing, performing and composing music. Their log in details are available to see on Google Classroom.</p> <p>QR Code:</p> 

			<p>Link:</p> <p>https://www.eastsussexonline.com/music.co.uk/site/log-in/</p>
Drama	<p>A termly knowledge quiz is set on Google Classroom. This is self-marking and will test students on drama terms and knowledge. Students are encouraged to attend clubs/extra-curricular to advance their progress.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides recall opportunities for key terms and knowledge. ● Improves performing skills. 	<p>Students will need to log onto Google Classroom to complete the quizzes.</p>
Computer Science	<p>Students are set self-marking quizzes on Google Classroom. These quizzes will test them on key terms and knowledge from their lessons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides recall opportunities for key terms and knowledge. ● Checks for student understanding. 	<p>Students use Google Classroom in all of their computing lessons so they should know their username and password. If they do not, they can ask or email their computing teacher.</p>
Design Technology	<p>A range of possible activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research a designer and produce a 200 word report on them. ● Produce sketches and drawings for current projects. ● Investigate a material type. ● Blended learning on Online platforms. ● Revision and 3D modeling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enables students to practice develop and embed skills and knowledge learnt in lessons. ● Opportunities to design in own time. ● Encourages higher level cognitive skills and could improve grade outcomes at GCSE. ● Enables students to take ownership of work outside of class and make connections 	<p>Students use resources from the department, at home or resources online on Ljcreate and 3D modelling platforms to achieve blended learning tasks.</p>

		between knowledge, skills and aptitudes in class and outside.	
Food Preparation and Nutrition.	The ingredients required for lessons are set on Edulink for the next practical lesson on a two-week timetable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patience, problem solving and creativity. ● Adaption of recipes to different dietary requirements. 	<p>For ideas on how to adapt recipes;</p> <p>QR CODE:</p>  <p>Link: https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/</p>
Philosophy and Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seneca Learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check for student understanding. ● Developing knowledge of key terms. ● Developing exam technique. 	<p>QR for Seneca Learning:</p>  <p>Link: Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 (senecalearning.com)</p> <p>If students forget their log in details, they will need to click on the 'Forgot your password' link on the website for their details to be reset.</p>

What support is available for my child in school?

- The library is open every day after school from 3pm—4pm Monday –Thursday to support students with their homework. The librarian is available during this time to answer any questions.
- SPARX Maths homework club is available Thursday in M2 from 3pm-4pm.
- Teachers can be contactable via email for any support needed with homework. Please allow 48 hours for a response to any homework queries.
- For SEND students, homework club is available in the 'The Hive' after school on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays.
- Art/ ceramic and photography clubs are open Monday, Tuesday and Friday (and Thursday when no parents' evenings are arranged)
- The following clubs are available to support music homework:

Monday after school - Brass Instrument Workshop

Tuesday after school - 'Live Lounge' (band practice club) and 'Back to the 80s' (school musical rehearsals)

Wednesday break 1 - 'Voicestra' (choir)

Friday 8-8.30am – Orchestra

How can I support my child?

You may find the following tips useful:

- Try to establish a homework routine where you agree on a suitable time for homework to be completed each day.
- Create a space free from any distractions where your child can complete their homework. Make sure that your child has all the equipment they need readily available.
- Encourage your child to complete homework on the day it is set. This allows plenty of time if they need to contact their teacher for support.
- Help your child to become a resilient learner by encouraging them to complete their homework independently. If they find the homework too challenging, ask them to contact their subject teacher via email.
- Try to remove any distraction. If mobile phones prove to be a distraction, there are some great apps which lock phones for a certain amount of time such as *Forest* for Iphones or various apps which use the Pomodoro Technique to encourage students to focus for shorter bursts of time.
- Provide encouragement and praise for your child's effort. Celebrate with your child when they are rewarded by the school for homework completion.
- Please contact your child's subject teacher via email in the first instance if you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the homework that has been set.

Year 7 Homework Schedule

Please find below the schedule for when homework is set and due in. We strongly encourage students to complete the homework on the day it is set to allow time for students to contact the teacher if they are experiencing any problems.

The schedule contains homework which is set once a week or once each fortnight for the following subjects: *English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and Languages*. Additional homework is set once a term by: *Art, Music, Drama, Philosophy and Ethics, Computer Science, Food Technology and Design Technology*.

	X BAND		Y BAND	
	Week 1:	Week 2:	Week 1:	Week 2:
Monday	During Tutor: Reading Plus History 7X1/Hi	During Tutor: Reading Plus Geography 7X2/Gg French 7X3/Fr 7X4/Fr 7X5/Fr	During Tutor: Reading Plus	During Tutor: Reading Plus History: 7Y4/Hi
Tuesday	History 7X3/Hi	Geography 7X4/Gg French 7X2/Fr		History: 7Y2/Hi 7Y5/Hi Spanish 7Y1/Sp 7Y3/Sp 7Y5/Sp
Weds	Maths: All X Band	Maths: All X Band French 7X1/Fr	Maths: All Y Band Geography 7Y1/Gg 7Y4/Gg	Maths: All Y Band History: 7Y1/Hi 7Y3/Hi
Thurs	History: 7X2/Hi 7X4/Hi 7X5/Hi	Science All X Band Geography 7X1/Gg 7X3/Gg 7X5/Gg	English All Y Band	English All Y Band
	English	English	Science	Science

Fri	All X Band Science All X Band	All X Band	All Y Band Geography 7Y2/Gg 7Y3/Gg 7Y5/Gg	All Y Band Spanish 7Y2/Sp 7Y4/Sp
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Year 8 Homework Schedule

Please find below the schedule for when homework is set and due in. We strongly encourage students to complete the homework on the day it is set to allow time for students to contact the teacher if they are experiencing any problems.

The schedule contains homework which is set once a week or once each fortnight for the following subjects: *English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and Languages*. Additional homework is set once a term by: *Art, Music, Drama, Philosophy and Ethics, Computer Science, Food Technology and Design Technology*.

	X BAND		Y BAND	
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	During Tutor: Reading Plus Science: All X Band. French 8X1/Fr 8X2/Fr	During Tutor: Reading Plus Science: All X Band	During Tutor: Reading Plus Science: All Y Band.	During Tutor: Reading Plus Science: All Y Band
Tuesday	English All X Band History: 8X1/Hi 8X2/Hi 8X4/Hi	English All X Band	Geography 8Y1/Gg 8Y3/Gg 8Y5/Gg	History: 8Y1/Hi 8Y3/Hi 8Y4/Hi Spanish 8Y5/Sp
Wednesday	Maths All X Band	Maths All X Band Geography 8X1/Gg 8X2/Gg 8X3/Gg History 8X5/Hi	Maths All Y Band	Maths All Y Band Spanish 8Y1/Sp
Thursday	French 8X3/Fr 8X5/Fr		English All Y Band	English All Y Band Spanish 8Y2/Sp 8Y3/Sp

Friday	History 8X3/Hi	Geography 8X4/Gg 8X5/Gg	Geography 8Y2/Gg 8Y4/Gg	History 8Y2/Hi
	French 8X4/Fr	Spanish 8X2/Sp 8X3/Sp		Spanish 8Y4/Sp

Year 9 Homework Schedule

Please find below the schedule for when homework is set and due in. We strongly encourage students to complete the homework on the day it is set to allow time for students to contact the teacher if they are experiencing any problems.

The schedule contains homework which is set once a week or once each fortnight for the following subjects: *English, Maths, Science, History, Geography and Languages*. Additional homework is set once a term by: *Art, Music, Drama, Philosophy and Ethics, Computer Science, Food Technology and Design Technology*.

	X BAND		Y BAND	
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	During Tutor: Reading Plus Science: All X band.	During Tutor: Reading Plus Science: All X band.	During Tutor: Reading Plus English All Y Band Spanish 9Y1/Sp 9Y4/Sp	During Tutor: Reading Plus English All Y Band
Tuesday	English All X Band Geography All X Band except 9X5	English All X Band French 9X3/Fr		History: 9Y5/Hi
Wednesday	Maths: All X Band Geography 9X5/Gg	Maths: All X Band	Maths: All Y Band Geography 9Y4/Gg Spanish 9Y5/Sp	Maths: All Y Band
Thursday		History: All X Band French All X Band except 9X3	Science: All Y Band. Geography All Y Band except 9Y4 Spanish 9Y2/Sp 9Y3/Sp	Science: All Y Band. History: 9Y1/Hi
Friday				History: 9Y2/Hi

				9Y3/Hi 9Y4/Hi
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