

KCA HOME LEARNING POLICY

Research shows that there are many benefits of home learning at secondary school including:

Immediate benefits:

- Better retention of factual knowledge
- Increased understanding
- Better critical thinking, concept formation and information processing

Longer term benefits:

- Willingness to learn during leisure time
- Improved attitude to school
- Better study habits and skills

Non-academic effects:

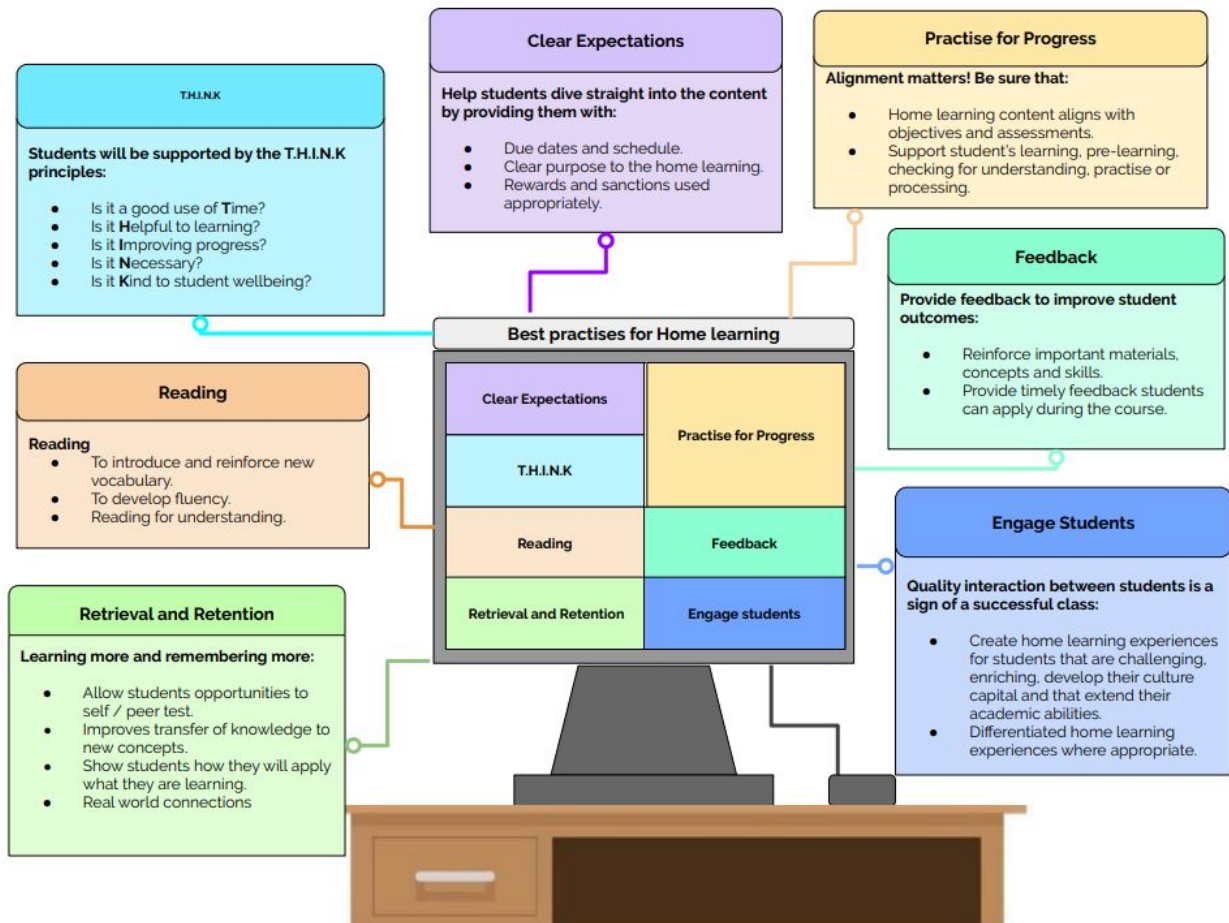
- Greater self-direction
- Greater self-discipline
- Better time organisation
- More inquisitiveness
- More independent problem solving
- Greater parental involvement in schooling

However, research also shows some detrimental effects of either excessive amounts, or poorly designed, homework tasks, including negative impacts upon family and leisure time and concerns over fatigue and mental well-being. Our updated home learning policy now emphasises setting purposeful home learning where quality is the main consideration rather than quantity.

Home learning will be set for the following purposes:

- Pre-learning
- Checking for understanding
- Practice
- Processing

Teachers will follow the Home Learning Principles:



Teachers will:

1. Only set home learning when it is appropriate and purposeful
2. Be clear about the purpose of the home learning task and how it will support student learning: pre-learning, checking for understanding, practise or processing
3. Provide appropriate feedback according to the school's marking policy
4. Where appropriate, set home learning activities that are differentiated, inclusive and varied
5. Provide appropriate and incremental sanctions in line with the rewards and consequences system to students who fail to complete home learning adequately or who fail to hand it in on time.

Tutors will support subject teachers by:

1. Checking that students have access to appropriate resources such as Google Classroom.
2. Communicating with the Head of Learning if any general home learning related issues arise.

Heads of Learning will support subject teachers by:

1. Running weekly reports to check completion rates.
2. Supporting teachers and tutors where appropriate.

Parents are encouraged to:

1. Assist their child with planning and organising their home learning in line with their home learning timetable
2. Provide their child, where possible, with a suitable learning environment in which to complete their home learning, without distractions.
3. Discuss home learning tasks and teacher feedback with their child to encourage conversations about learning
4. Accept invitations to their child's Google Classrooms.

Students should

1. Use Google Classroom to check what home learning has been set each day and to ensure they understand what they are required to do, to seek support if they do not.
2. Allow adequate time to complete their home learning to a standard that reflects their understanding and best efforts
3. Stick to the timing guidance from their teacher and if they exceed this to write down the amount of time it took
4. Where possible, find a quiet environment to complete their home learning
5. Take initiative for their own learning exploring and developing their understanding beyond the tasks set

The amount of time spent on home learning will therefore vary across the academic year and will also increase in Key Stage 4 in preparation for GCSEs.

In the Sixth Form, the amount of work students will undertake independently outside class time will be considerable. Students need to take responsibility for this themselves. A rough rule of thumb would be to do at least an hour's revision, research or preparation independently for each hour of taught time, so a student taking 3 A-levels for 4 hours per week would need to do at least 12 hours of independent study.

Home Learning Allocation by Subject

Key Stage 3

Subject	Description	Location
English	Weekly spelling/key vocabulary test. Either reading comprehension, (prose, poetry or non-fiction) or grammar retrieval skills test.	Google classroom
Maths	Either a weekly retrieval task or a consolidation task depending on the needs of the class at that time.	Google classroom, class book, student folder
Science	1 retrieval practice tasks per week and 1 knowledge processing task per unit.	Google classroom and task booklet
Art	1 artistic task per fortnight	Google Classroom
Citizenship	1 research task per fortnight	Google Classroom KCA Humanities YouTube channel
DT Hard	1 design knowledge task per fortnight	Google classroom KCA DT YouTube Channel BBC Bitesize Home learning Booklets
DT Soft	1 research, knowledge, evaluation task per fortnight	Google classroom Quizlet
Geography	1 retrieval practice or 1 research task per fortnight	Google Classroom KCA Humanities YouTube channel
History	1 retrieval practice or 1 research task per fortnight	Google Classroom KCA Humanities YouTube channel
IT/Computer Science	1 page of the home learning booklet a week	Home learning booklet & Google Classroom
MFL	Weekly learning or research task	Google classroom Pearson activelearn
Music	1 task a fortnight	Google classroom
Performing Arts	Half Termly task which will be extended writing or a quiz	Google Classroom
PE (core)	Term quiz (retrieval) for each practical sport covered (4 per term)	Google Classroom Sticker in planner

Key Stage 4

Subject	Description	Location
English	Either reading comprehension, (prose, poetry or non-fiction), a retrieval task on key GCSE texts/skills or a writing task per week, depending on the needs of the class.	Google classroom
Maths	Either a weekly retrieval task or a consolidation task depending on the needs of the class at that time.	Google classroom, class book, student folder
Science	1 retrieval practice task fortnight and 1 extended writing task per alternate fortnight.	Google classroom Seneca Learning Retrieval booklet
Art	1 artistic task per week	Google Classroom
Business/Enterprise	1 research, retrieval or coursework based task per week	Google Classroom
Citizenship	1 retrieval practice task a week 1 assessment plan or improvement per fortnight	Google Classroom Seneca Learning KCA Humanities YouTube Channel
DT Hard	1 design knowledge task per week 1 design task a fortnight	Google classroom KCA DT YouTube Channel Seneca Learning BBC Bitesize Home learning Booklets
DT - Food	1 knowledge or retrieval practice task per week	Google Classroom Seneca Learning Quizlet
Geography	1 retrieval practice task a week 1 extended writing task a fortnight	Google Classroom
History	1 retrieval practice task a week 1 assessment plan or improvement per fortnight	Google Classroom Seneca Learning KCA Humanities YouTube Channel
Health and Social care	1 research or retrieval practice task a week	Google classroom Quizlet
IT/Computer Science	1 research, retrieval or coursework based task per week	Google classroom

MFL	Weekly speaking/ writing learning task or reading/listening task	Google classroom Pearsonactivelearn.com
Media	1 retrieval task set within their lesson or their independent coursework brief	Google classroom Google drive
Music	1 research, retrieval or coursework based task per week	Google classroom
Sport BTEC Level 2	1 set piece per fortnight - assignment (retrieval) or research based	Google classroom Homework sticker
Performing Arts	Continuous work on coursework. Learning lines. Research tasks Once a Week.	Google Classroom

Key Stage 5

Subject	Description	Location
English Literature	Coursework prep - reading task once a fortnight and assessment questions	Google Classroom
Maths A level	Either a weekly retrieval task or a consolidation task depending on the needs of the class at that time.	Google classroom, class book, student folder
Maths GCSE resits	Either a weekly retrieval task or a consolidation task depending on the needs of the class at that time.	Google classroom, class book, student folder
Maths Core	Either a weekly retrieval task or a consolidation task depending on the needs of the class at that time.	Google classroom, class book, student folder
Biology	1 knowledge task or wider reading comprehension task per week and retrieval practice per week. 1 practice Examination question per unit	Kerboodle Textbook Google classroom
Chemistry	1 knowledge task or wider reading comprehension task and retrieval practice per week. 1 practice Examination question per unit.	Kerboodle Textbook Google classroom https://www.youtube.com/user/MaC hemGuy/videos

Art and Design BTEC I	1 reading task per fortnight 1 artistic task per week	Google Classroom
Business A level	1 retrieval practice task per week 1 research task per week	Google Classroom
Business BTEC Level 3	Assignment completion as per assignment calendar	Google Classroom
Business BTEC level 2	Assignment completion as per assignment calendar	Google Classroom
Business - Financial Studies	1 retrieval practice task per week 1 research task per week	Google Classroom
DT - Product Design	1 design knowledge task per week 1 design task a fortnight	Google classroom KCA DT YouTube Channel Seneca Learning
Health and Social Care	1 knowledge or retrieval practice task per week	Google classroom Quizlet
DT - Food	1 knowledge or retrieval practice task per week	Google classroom Quizlet Seneca
Geography	1 retrieval practice task a week 1 research task/extended writing a week	Google Classroom
History	1 retrieval practice task a fortnight 1 research task/ assessment plan/ assessment improvement task per fortnight 1 research task per fortnight	Google Classroom Course Textbooks and wider reading books KCA Humanities YouTube channel
IT BTEC Level 3	Assignment completion as per assignment calendar	Google Classroom
Media - Creative Digital Media Production	To work weekly on their retrieval of a key concept taught in lesson to aid their analysis skills for their components	google classroom Shared google drive
Performing Arts	Continuous work on coursework. Learning lines. Research tasks Once a week	Google Classroom
Photography	1 research task a fortnight and 1 practical / coursework task a fortnight	Google Classroom

Psychology	1 research/practical task and 1 assessment task per week	Google Classroom
Sociology	1 retrieval practice task a fortnight 1 research task or assessment plan or assessment improvement per fortnight	Google Classroom Course Textbooks and wider reading books KCA Humanities YouTube channel
Sport BTEC Level 3	2-4 hours (per week) - assignment (retrieval) and/or research based	Google Classroom