



Homework Guidance for Key Stage 4 Students and their Parents

At Langley we set homework so that our young people can deepen their knowledge and understanding of what they have learnt in class whilst training to become independent learners. Homework is an essential element of students' learning at Key Stage 4 in preparation for GCSEs as well as post-16 learning.

Teachers will set the following types of homework:

- Completing tasks started in lessons
- Reviewing and revising learning
- Research for future learning
- Practice examination style questions
- Learning/ memorising key vocabulary/facts or concepts
- Independent reading

Homework will be set on **Class Charts**. Teachers will also ensure that all students understand what is expected of them before the end of the lesson and we will set realistic deadlines so that you are able to manage work from a range of subjects whilst enjoying hobbies and relaxation time.

Homework, like classwork, will be checked by your teacher. Your self-directed study will not be formally marked but may be monitored from time to time by your teacher.

Key Stage 4 students are expected to spend **two hours every day** on homework or self-directed study.

Teachers will not set homework for the sake of it and will only do so if it is relevant, purposeful and makes a difference to your learning. When you are not set specific homework, you should undertake self-directed study. This could include:

- Reading over class notes and putting information into mind-maps, posters and diagrams
- Researching a particular topic in more detail
- Learning key words and subject specific terminology
- Using revision guides to revise key areas
- Catching up on any work missed due to absence / other commitments

It is expected that every student at Langley engages in at least 10 minutes of private reading every day.

Individual subject areas have put some advice together to support students in self-directed study. This advice can be found overleaf.

We would ask that parents support our young people in completing homework in the following ways:

- Provide an appropriate learning space for a student to study at home
- Monitor the completion of homework regularly
- Encourage students to use a range of resources to undertake self-directed independent study, when no formal homework is set
- Maintain a regular routine for homework
- Encourage and enable students to attend Homework Club and/or Revision sessions after school, where available and appropriate

A Subject Specific Guide to Self-directed study in Key Stage 4

Here are some ideas from your subject teachers of activities you could undertake when you are not set specific homework by your teacher, to help you learn better and achieve more.

SUBJECT	STUDY IDEAS
ENGLISH	<p>Read daily for at least 20 minutes. Ask your English teacher or Librarian for recommendations, visit the school Reading Cloud or go to https://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/young-adult</p> <p>For revision and consolidation of all exam papers: https://app.senecalearning.com/courses?Price=Free&Age+Group=GCSE&Subject=English+Language&Subject=English&Exam+Board=AQA&Subject=English+Literature</p> <p>For learning quotations: https://quizlet.com/166394290/an-inspector-calls-quotes-flash-cards/ https://quizlet.com/282405712/a-christmas-carol-quotes-flash-cards/ https://quizlet.com/17496436/key-quotes-from-macbeth-flash-cards/</p> <p>For a detailed insight into Anthology Poetry, we recommend you make flash cards from this site: https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/english-revision/gcse-aqa/love-and-relationships/</p> <p>For multiple choice questions: https://quizizz.com/admin/quiz/6057b3b16b93cd001d5f9627/gcse-english</p> <p>Re read your copies of the texts, paying close attention to your annotations and how they support your interpretation of key themes, ideas and the writer's methods. Your exercise book is a bespoke revision guide with personalised feedback that informs your individual progress.</p>
MATHS	<p>Year 10 - After Oct Half-term you can also use sparxmaths.uk which has many aspects in addition to homework to offer students support and challenge. It is fully diagnostic and after a few weeks should tailor the questions to each individual student.</p> <p>Student videos: https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/5530880/KB%20Resources%20Summer%202021/Sparx%20Homework%20for%20students.mp4 https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/5530880/KB%20How%20to%20Videos%20-%20Spring%202021/How%20students%20log%20in.mp4</p> <p>Parent video: https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/5530880/KB%20Resources%20Summer%202021/Parent%20video_v2.mp4</p> <p>Year 11 – will continue to use a combination of paper based and sparxmaths for homework, which has videos along with interactive quizzes, but this can also be used for independent study. They will also be provided with revision lists on class charts prior to their fortnightly tests to help guide their independent revision.</p> <p>For both years we also highly recommend the 5-a-day and the topic based worksheets on www.corbettmaths.com, as well as www.mathsgenie.co.uk for their past exam papers and worked solutions.</p>
SCIENCE	<p>You will have access to a revision guide which can be used to complete a variety of activities. Many students find it useful to make their own flash cards, mind maps, notes or other revision aids. You can either start with work from previous topics or review your classwork from this week. If you would rather use the internet BBC bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p has 100's of clips, quizzes and activities for you to complete.</p>
HISTORY	<p>Use the knowledge organisers at the start of each new topic to learn key terminology, the chronology of the key events and the role of key individuals.</p> <p>Re-read class notes and summarise into revision notes – see the 'How to Revise for History' document on the History page of the website for ideas on how to revise.</p> <p>Use the following links to revise our Edexcel History GCSE topics (Medicine in Britain, Early Elizabethan England, Superpower Relations, USA 1954-1975): https://app.senecalearning.com/courses?Price=Free&Subject=History&Exam+Board=Edexcel&Age+Group=GCSE https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwbysg8 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z29rbk7 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z29rbk7 https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons#</p> <p>Choose to read books set in the period being studied and watch documentaries and films about the events being studied – see the 'History Department KS4 Reading and</p>

	Watch List' document on the History page of the website for recommendations.
GEOGRAPHY	<p>Organise you class notes in your exercise books and chase up notes missing through absence</p> <p>Complete the student response tasks based on targets set through teacher feedback</p> <p>Re-read class notes and look through worked exam questions</p> <p>Summarise class notes into revision resources (STM summary booklets, flash cards, posters, case study cards). Use the revision support materials on the website/via teachers</p> <p>Use CGP revision guides (can be purchased via Geography Department) to revise course content and complete exam practice questions</p> <p>Use BBC Bitesize KS4 AQA Geography, SENECA, Cool Geography and Continuity Oak.org, to revise topics covered (see website for topic guides). Useful revision videos can be found: https://www.youtube.com/@GeographyHawks/videos https://www.youtube.com/@MrBowater/videos https://www.youtube.com/@tutor2u-official/search?query=AQA%20GCSE%20Geography</p>
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	<p>Students can organise the class notes in their exercise books. They can also complete targets to teacher feedback in exercise books. They can re-read class notes/past questions. Summarise class notes into revision notes. Use revision guides (which can be purchased through school) to revise content and complete revision activities. Use BBC Bitesize to revise some topics – remember we study AQA option A - Islam and Christianity and the Thematic Paper. Other good websites are: revisionworld.com (good for information), getrevising.co.uk (good for flashcards), tutor2u.co.uk (good for quizzes).</p>
MFL	<p>We subscribe to websites such as https://www.languagenut.com/, https://login.pearson.com/ and https://www.linguascope.com/. You will regularly be set homework tasks to complete across all four skills on Pearson Active Learn and Languagenut (new) and therefore you must know your login. Your teacher will advise you of this at the start of the year. You can also use both websites to revise and consolidate knowledge of topics independently.</p> <p>Revise topic vocabulary weekly and get someone at home to test you. You can also Linguascope- Linguastars, Languagenut , Pearson Active Learn or Quizlet for this.</p> <p>Use your speaking booklets in which you prepare answers to key topic questions to help you answer essay questions on the same topic.</p> <p>These key questions and answers are always worth practising, as they will develop your confidence and fluency for the GCSE oral and writing examinations.</p> <p>Download Duolingo onto your phone, practise your French and German every day and maybe take up a new language for a slightly different experience !</p> <p>Watch age-appropriate foreign language programmes on Netflix-you can find lots of original language films and series, but you can also watch your favourites with subtitles and dubbed! A great way to be learning and relaxing!</p>
ART	<p>Within your Art homework time you should spend time drawing directly from objects in front of you (observational drawing). This could be objects on a table, the scene in front of you, people within the same room etc. Work on a range from A5 – A3 scale. Work with pencil or a range of 2D materials to develop confidence with them.</p> <p>Take some time to read about GCSE Art and watch videos on the BBC Bitesize website: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z8tnvcw Read about artists and current Art exhibitions on the TATE website: https://www.tate.org.uk/</p>
PHOTOGRAPHY	<p>Photography homework time you should spend time getting to know your camera, take photographs with the camera, try to use the different settings, especially Aperture priority, Shutter priority and the Manual mode.</p> <p>Research photographs in the news that week. BBC News have a great section where people enter a competition based on a theme, look through the photographs and why not enter the competition yourself.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10768686</p> <p>Research photographers online to inspire you. www.bjp-online.com</p>
DRAMA	<p>Throughout GCSE Drama you should ensure you are regularly reading your play script 'Blood Brothers' and revising topics/making notes for your written exam. There is also the OCR 9-1 revision guide which is useful to revise from. In addition, you will have your portfolio to be completing independently. Unit 2 Scripted Performance will require independent research on the playwright and play as well as learning lines for performance.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxv7sg8</p>

MUSIC	<p>Time at home should be spent rehearsing pieces for solo and group performances that are required for the GCSE Music NEA.</p> <p>Pupils can also use instruments, or technology they may have at home, to create ideas for compositions that can then be brought into school and worked on under supervision.</p> <p>Specific exam-style or research questions may be set also, when there is a particular focus on Areas of Study during class theory lessons. At other times, pupils can revise each Area of Study using the following YouTube channel which has key information about all the genres we have studied:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtycXRMAfBjmCB7xZHsvD5C7fxbRLd3L</p>
GCSE PE	<p>Organisation of Class notes folder</p> <p>Completion of Targets from homework book</p> <p>Re-read class notes / past questions</p> <p>Summarise class notes into revision pages</p> <p>Many students find it useful to make their own revision material after they have been given guidance on how to do this. Examples include flash cards and Concept Mapping. We find it advantageous to review classwork within 1 week of the lesson. You can either start with work from previous topics or review your classwork from this week.</p> <p>If you would rather use the internet then please ensure that you are following AQA GCSE PE as this is the course that we are following. An example is BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zp49cwx It contains some really useful material including quizzes.</p>
OCR SPORT STUDIES	<p>Organise class notes in preparation for completing assignments and revising for examinations. Constantly revise and re-visit material from the examination unit in preparation for the mock exam in Summer. Completing assignments to meet deadlines for the Practical and Leadership Unit. Independent research around practical activities, tactics, techniques and ways to improve. Attending after school practices for the sports covering practically.</p>
BTEC CHILD DEVELOPMENT	<p>Year 11: Revision and preparation for January Exam (specifically developmental milestones)</p> <p>September- November - Work on improving Unit 3 Assignments based on teacher feedback provided.</p> <p>Dec-May: Work on coursework assignments</p> <p>Organisation of class notes in preparation for completing assignments</p> <p>Visits to or volunteering at local nurseries is strongly recommended</p>
FOOD & NUTRITION	<p>There will be weekly tasks on class charts which will be revision or specific task related to lesson content.</p>
GRAPHICS	<p>There will be weekly tasks on class charts which will be revision or specific tasks related to lesson content</p>
PRODUCT DESIGN	<p>You will be given two hours' worth of homework each fortnight which will focus on research, designing and health & safety.</p>
BUSINESS	<p>You will be set two different types of homework each week in Business. The first will be a multiple-choice sheet and the second will be an extended response sheet whereby you practice examination technique and structure. Both will be based around the topics covered in lessons that week. You will also have a set of revision cards to help you along with the Edexcel's revision guide for Business; which also contains many activities for you to complete. In addition to this, you have the support from bbc bitesize to refer to GCSE Business - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize. The website has lots of video clips, quizzes and activities for you to complete.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z98snbk</p>
COMPUTING	<p>You will have booklets issued at the beginning of the year and will be asked to complete for homework weekly as you work through the course. You will also be set work electronically from Smart Revise Online Home - Smart Revise. All tasks will be set based on that week's learning in lessons. Further resources and learning can be found at:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zmtchbk</p>
MEDIA	<p>You can revisit and revise classroom learning and our encouraged to save all powerpoints that we learn from in the lessons to your 'one drive.' There is a list of</p>

key vocabulary that can be learnt and will be of benefit to you in the exam (you receive credit for using appropriate terminology and technical language) <https://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/media-studies/gcse/media-studies/teach/subject-specific-vocabulary2>. There is plenty of opportunity for wider study. For example: we cover a variety of different Media platforms and for each one there are opportunities to develop your knowledge and understanding of the Close Study Products. In lessons we do not have time to watch and explore all of these in detail and so taking time to become familiar with these products at home will be very worthwhile.

Newspapers – Reading articles from The Times and The Daily Mirror

Television – Watching episodes from early Doctor Who series and 'His Dark Materials'

Gaming – downloading and playing 'Kim Kardashian Hollywood' and 'Lara Croft Go.'

Magazines – becoming familiar with layout, design and content of various front covers of magazines.

Radio – listening to Radio 1 and Kiss Breakfast

Film – Watching 'I Daniel Blake' and other Ken Loach Films. Watching 'Black Widow' and other films from the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU).

Websites: marcusrashfordofficial.com

To help prepare for the R093 examined unit, you can access revision resources through hoddereducation.co.uk.

Alternatively, there are low stake quizzes available through zigzageducation.co.uk