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Dear Parent/Carer

The first week back has been a very important and exciting one for all pupils. Our 23/24 edition of the Knowledge Organisers have been issued and all pupils have their own copy, along with a plastic wallet to protect the organiser whilst in bags.

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge Organisers must be brought to school every day and pupils will be expected to use them in every lesson. Pupils must keep their Knowledge Organiser within the plastic wallet, so it does not get damaged in their bag from drink spillages.

Knowledge Organisers are also used for the completion of homework, further details of which are shared below. An electronic copy of the Knowledge Organisers can also be found on the school website under the 'Pupil' tab.

Homework

Homework is an extremely important element of academic achievement for all pupils and many studies have found a positive correlation between homework completion and academic achievement. It is crucial for us to work together to help your child to complete all homework, supporting them to achieve the best possible grades.

Pupils have homework to complete every day. KS3 pupils (Year 7, 8 and 9) are set homework once per week from each subject. KS4 pupils (Year 10 and 11) are set homework twice per week, per subject.

All homework is recorded by class teachers on our school's ICT management system. Parents and pupils will be able to log-in to check what has been set, and what is due. If you or your child are having difficulty accessing Arbor, please contact:

enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

Most of the homework is set using our online platforms. All pupils have access to Sparx and Seneca and are expected to complete all quizzes set by their teachers as part of their weekly homework. Pupils log-in details for Seneca are the same as their usual school email address and password and they should log-in using the Microsoft



link once on the Seneca homepage. Further details for how to log-in to our online platforms, can be found on the school website under the 'Pupil' tab. Some subjects may need to set homework in another format. Pupils will be given this homework in lesson.

Remote Learning

Should pupils be required to access their learning at any time electronically, they can do this through Microsoft Teams. Each year group have their own Team where teachers upload lesson materials to subject channels. There are also individual class teams where teachers can share specific materials relating to their classes. Pupils can also message their class teachers through Microsoft Teams if they need help with any element of their studies.

Please find attached the school's homework policy including the homework timetables for each year group.

Help and Support

Further help and support, including links to access our online platforms, can be found in the Pupil section of the school website.

<https://www.ellisguilfordschool.org.uk/main/pupil>

As always, we remain committed to providing the very best education for all our pupils and we look forward to a thoroughly productive year ahead of us, where we can celebrate their many academic achievements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school via enquiries@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

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The Ellis Guilford School Homework Policy (2023/2024)

Homework is an important part of academic achievement for all pupils. Homework enables pupils to:

- Consolidate and extend learning in lessons
- Prepare for upcoming learning
- Revisit prior knowledge
- Show progress and understanding
- Enhance their study skills and to develop key skills such as time management

As part of the teacher standards, all teachers are required to set homework to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired.

All pupils in KS3 will receive one piece of homework, per subject, per week. Example timetables for this are shown overleaf however there might be some slight adjustments for pupils depending on which groups they are assigned to.

All pupils in KS4 will receive a minimum of two pieces of homework, per subject, per week. For Year 11 students, this will include a weekly knowledge quiz (issued as a paper document) to prepare students for the interim assessments. In addition, subjects may set homework based on coursework.

At the Ellis Guilford School, homework will be set using knowledge organisers. These are a key resource for pupils; they include the core knowledge required to be successful within subjects. All pupils have their own knowledge organiser booklets which are expected to be brought into school every day, however these can also be accessed on the school website in the following location:

<https://www.ellisguilfordschool.org.uk/main/curriculum/knowledge-organisers>

All homework is logged on Arbor. This is where pupils can see what has been set and what is due. Homework set will predominantly use online learning platforms called Sparx (Maths and English) and Seneca (most other subjects). Teachers will assign quizzes and activities for pupils to do on Sparx and Seneca which will support and enhance knowledge retrieval practice. Pupils should use an electronic device to access the Sparx and Seneca platforms and complete homework. Teachers will be able to access feedback on pupils' responses and use this to plan for future lessons. Pupils should use their knowledge organisers to support the completion of quizzes and activities.

Recording homework

All homework will be recorded by teachers on Arbor. Pupils and parents will be able to see this and will be notified of the date that this homework is due to be handed in.



Homework Achievement

At the Ellis Guilford School we look to promote the success of our pupils and as such, rewards will regularly be given to pupils who continually complete homework tasks. Class teachers will reward pupils who successfully complete homework, with Guilford Gold points.

Failure to complete homework

Teachers will often plan further learning in lessons on the basis that homework will be completed, and it is therefore extremely important that all homework is completed on time so that all pupils can access all lessons. Teachers will log non-completion of homework on Arbor and will also contact home to arrange additional support.

Help with homework

Pupils can access support to complete homework from their class teacher. They will need to allow themselves time to see their class teacher before the day on which the homework is due. Pupils can message their teachers directly via Microsoft Teams.

Pupils can also access the school library at the following times for additional support and access to books and computers.

Monday – Friday: Break and Lunch times (first come first served basis due to capacity)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 3:10pm – 4:15pm

Friday: 3:10pm – 4:00pm

Sparx Maths Homework club is on Monday – Friday Break 1 in G210.

Additional support for ALG students will also be available at the following times.

Monday and Thursday each week 3:15pm – 4:00pm.

Technical Support

For assistance with log in details for Arbor and Seneca, pupils should speak to their form tutor, or visit A3 at break or lunch times.

Homework Timetables

All pupils follow a homework timetable for their individual year group. This allows homework to be distributed evenly across a week.



Year 7 Homework Timetable

7X Homework Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 pupils can expect to spend approximately 20 minutes per homework task, per subject, per day.					
7XEL/7YEG	Science	Languages	Maths	Geography	English
	Food Tech	Design	Music	Art	Dance/Drama
	PE	RSMS	IT		History
7XAM	English	Food Tech	Languages	Science	Maths
	Geography	Drama/Dance	Music	RSMS	History
	Design	Art	IT	PE	
7XBI	English	Maths	Languages	Science	RSMS
	PE	Art	Music	Geography	History
	Food Tech	IT	Design		Drama/Dance
7XTI/7XON	Maths	RSMS	Food Tech	English	Science
	History	Music	Languages	PE	Geography
	Design	IT	Dance/Drama	Art	
7Y Homework Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 pupils can expect to spend approximately 20 minutes per homework task, per subject, per day.					
7YEL	Maths	History	English	Geography	Science
	Languages	RSMS	IT	PE	Dance/Drama
	Art	Music		Food Tech	Design
7YAM	Maths	Science	English	PE	Drama/Dance
	Languages	Art	IT	Food Tech	Geography
	History	RSMS		Music	Design
7YBI	Maths	English	Geography	RSMS	Music
	Languages	History	Design	IT	Art
	Drama/Dance	PE	Science		Food Tech
7YTI	History	Maths	Languages	English	Music
	Science	Geography	Design	Art	RSMS
	Drama/Dance	PE		IT	Food Tech
7YON	Maths	Science	Food Tech	Geography	Music
	RSMS	History	English	Design	IT
	Languages	PE		Dance/Drama	Art
7YAC	Maths	English	Languages	Science	Art
	RSMS	PE	Geography	PE	Music
	Dance/Drama	History	Design	Food Tech	



Year 8 Homework Timetable

Design – Design Materials, Food

*Dance and Drama lessons are timetabled once every two weeks. Homework will be set each week for either drama or dance. It will depend on the lesson you are timetabled during that week.

8X Homework Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 8 pupils can expect to spend approximately 20 minutes per homework task, per subject, per day.					
8XEL	English	Maths	PE	Geography	Art
	Design	Languages	IT	Music	Design
	History	RSMS	Drama/Dance	Science	
8XAM	English	Maths	Science	Languages	RSMS
	Music	History	PE	Drama/Dance	Design
	IT		Design	Art	Geography
8XBI	English	Maths	Science	Languages	PE
	Design	IT	History	Drama/Dance	Art
	Music		Design	Geography	RSMS
8XTI	English	Maths	Science	Music	PE
	Geography	Design	History	RSMS	Design
	Art	Drama/Dance	IT	Languages	

8Y Homework Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 8 pupils can expect to spend approximately 20 minutes per homework task, per subject, per day.					
8YEL	Maths	English	History	Science	Design
	Art	RSMS	PE	Music	Drama/Dance
	Languages	Geography	Design	IT	
8YAM	Science	English	Languages	Maths	Art
	History	Drama/Dance	PE	Music	RSMS
		IT	Geography	Design	Design
8YBI	English	History	PE	Maths	Geography
	RSMS	Drama/Dance	Science	Art	Music
	Design		Languages	IT	Design
8YTI	English	Maths	Science	Design	History
	Geography	Music	RSMS	Drama/Dance	Art
	Languages	IT	PE		Design
8YAC	English	Maths	Science	Languages	History
	Languages?	Music	RSMS	Drama/Dance	Art
		IT	PE		Design



Year 9 Homework Timetable

***Design – IT, Art, Design Materials, Food**

*Dance and Drama lessons are timetabled once every two weeks. Homework will be set each week for either drama or dance. It will depend on the lesson you are timetabled during that week.

9X Homework Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 9 pupils can expect to spend approximately 20 minutes per homework task, per subject, per day.					
9XEL	Maths	Geography	English	Science	History
	Languages	Drama/Dance	RSMS	PE	Music
	Design	Design	Design	Design	
9XAM	Maths	History	English	PE	Geography
	Languages	Science	Design	RSMS	Drama/Dance
	Design	Design	Music	Design	
9XBI	Maths	History	English	PE	Geography
	Languages	Science	Design	Music	RSMS
	Design	Design	Drama/Dance	Design	
9XTI	Maths	Geography	English	PE	Music
	Languages	Science	Dance/Drama	History	RSMS
	Design	Design	Design	Design	

9Y Homework Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 9 pupils can expect to spend approximately 20 minutes per homework task, per subject, per day.					
9YEL	Maths	English	Music	History	PE
	Languages	Design	Science	Dance/Drama	RSMS
	Design	Geography	Design	Design	
9YAM	Maths	English	History	Design	Science
	Languages	Design	Design	RSMS	PE
	Design	Geography		Dance/Drama	Music
9YBI	Maths	English	Geography	History	Science
	Languages	Design	Design	RSMS	PE
	Design		Dance/Drama	Design	Music
9YTI/9YAC	Maths	English	Science	Geography	PE
	Languages	Design	Music	RSMS	History
	Design	Dance/Drama	Design	Design	
9YON	Maths	English	Science	Geography	PE
	Languages	Music	History	RSMS	Dance/Drama
	Design	Design	Design	Design	



Year 10 Homework Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 10 pupils can expect to spend approximately 30 minutes per homework task, per subject, per day.					
10X	English	Maths	Science	Maths	English
	Science	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option C
	Option A	Option B	Option D	Option D	
10Y	Maths	English	Science	English	Science
	Option A	Option A	Option B	Option C	Maths
		Option B	Option D	Option D	Option C

Note: Due to the nature of some homework tasks regarding coursework, teachers may set one piece of homework with an allocation of 60 minutes per task instead of two separate 30-minute tasks.

Year 11 Homework Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 11 homework will include a knowledge quiz per week and tasks set on Seneca/Sparx. In addition, homework will include coursework for appropriate subjects.					
11X	English	Maths	Science	Maths	English
	Science	Option D	Option A	Option B	Option A
	Option D		Option C	Option C	Option B
11Y	English	Science	English	Science	Maths
	Maths	Option D	Option A	Option B	Option A
	Option D		Option C	Option C	Option B

Note: Due to the nature of some homework tasks regarding coursework teachers may set one piece of homework with an allocation of 60 minutes per task instead of two separate 30-minute tasks.