

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Rushey Mead Academy we are always looking at ways we can further support your child with their academic growth. Homework has been an area that the school has identified for improvement and following research we have been able to develop a homework timetable for each year group, as advised by the DFE. The timetable will include:

- When homework in each subject will be set
- When homework in each subject will be due
- Approximately how long it will take to complete.

Research tells us that providing students and parents/carers with this homework timetable will allow for effective study routines to be created as well as improve student mental health and wellbeing as they can see in advance their homework workload on from each day and plan their subsequent time accordingly.

Your child is in year 8 and their homework timetable from now will be as below. Please speak to your child about which band (R, S, M or N) they are in and see the appropriate timetable for them.

<b>Year 8 (R/S Band)</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Day Set</b>	<b>Day Due</b>	<b>Time needed to complete (approx)</b>
Science	Monday	Monday	30 mins
English	Wednesday	Wednesday	60 mins
MFL	Monday, Wednesday or Thursday	Monday, Wednesday or Thursday	30 mins
Maths	Monday or Wednesday	Monday or Wednesday	60 mins
DT	Wednesday	Wednesday	20 mins
Geography	Tuesday	Tuesday	20 mins
History	1 <sup>st</sup> lesson of the week	1 <sup>st</sup> lesson of the week	20 mins
Art	Fortnightly on day of lesson	The following lesson	60 mins
Creative Arts	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	20 mins
Computing	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	20 mins
RE	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	40 mins

Year 8 (M/N Band)			
Subject	Day Set	Day Due	Time needed to complete (approx)
Science	Monday	Monday	30 mins
English	Wednesday	Wednesday	60 mins
MFL	Monday, Wednesday or Thursday	Monday, Wednesday or Thursday	30 mins
Maths	Monday or Wednesday	Monday or Wednesday	60 mins
DT	Thursday	Thursday	20 mins
Geography	Tuesday	Tuesday	20 mins
History	1 <sup>st</sup> lesson of the week	1 <sup>st</sup> lesson of the week	20 mins
Art	Fortnightly on day of lesson	The following lesson	60 mins
Creative Arts	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	20 mins
Computing	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	20 mins
RE	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	40 mins

This timetable will continue weekly (regardless of week A or week B).

With students now having a consistent weekly homework pattern, it will allow us to provide greater support for your child. We will be able to provide example timetables to help them study at home and provide tips and advice to help them work more effectively on their homework.

We ask that you support your child by having conversations at home with them about the homework timetable and how they are getting on with the completion of the homework. You can also support your child by viewing the study skills videos we have on the Rushey Mead Academy YouTube page. Please see the link below.

[Study skills RMA - YouTube](#)

We have also developed a new, research informed, system to support students who don't complete their homework.

Every time your child misses a homework deadline, they will receive a **Homework** consequence (1 negative point) that you will be informed of (similarly to the current system). However, they will no longer receive a C2 or C3 should they fail to complete the homework following second and third deadlines. Instead, they will be continually issued with a **Homework** consequence. This is because detentions for homework are ineffective for the following reasons:

- The student needs to complete the Rushey Way, meaning they still don't complete the homework and can find themselves in a cycle of detentions for one piece of homework

- Students develop a negative attitude to homework as they are regularly punished for it, making them less likely to engage with homework in the future.

With the new system, if they accumulate a number of points that causes concern in one week, they will be required to attend a homework support club on Tuesday after school until 4pm, the following week. A member of staff and homework ambassadors will be at hand to support them and help them complete the homework. If your child is required to attend homework support club, you will be sent communication from school. If your child fails to attend the homework support club, they will lose their social time the following day.

At Rushey Mead Academy we recognise the importance of homework to embed the learning in lessons and help students to develop effective study skills that will support them as they approach their exams. Therefore, any student who is not completing homework is missing out on the essential benefits homework provides and needs support and guidance that homework support club can offer.