

RMA HOMEWORK POLICY

At Rushey Mead Academy we are always looking at ways we can further support students 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 families 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.

Homework timetable from now will be as below.

Year 7			
Subject	Day Set	Day Due	Time needed to complete (approx)
Science	R and S band Tuesday M and N band Wednesday	R and S band Tuesday M and N band Wednesday	30 mins
English	Monday	Monday	60 mins
MFL	1 new word set given weekly	Weekly	30 mins
Maths	Thursday	Thursday	60 mins
Geography	Monday	Monday	15 mins
History	1 st lesson of the week	1 st lesson of the week	25 mins
Art	Fortnightly on day of lesson	The following lesson	60 mins
Computing	Day of lesson	Next lesson	30 mins
RE	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	40 mins
PE	Every 6 weeks	The following lesson	20 minutes

Year 8

Subject	Day Set	Day Due	Time needed to complete (approx)
Science	R and S band Tuesday M and N band Wednesday	R and S band Tuesday M and N band Wednesday	30 mins
English	Wednesday	Wednesday	60 mins
MFL	R and S band – Tuesday, Thursday or Friday M and N band – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday	R and S band – Tuesday, Thursday or Friday M and N band – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday	30 mins
Maths	Monday	Monday	60 mins
Geography	Monday	Monday	15 mins
History	1 st lesson of the week	1 st lesson of the week	25 mins
Art	Fortnightly on day of lesson	The following lesson	60 mins
Computer Science	Day of lesson	Next lesson	30 mins
RE	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	40 mins
PE	Every 6 weeks	The following lesson	20 minutes

Year 9

Subject	Day Set	Day Due	Time needed to complete (approx)
Science	Tuesday	Tuesday	30 mins
English	Monday	Monday	90 mins
MFL	R and S band – Thursday or Friday M and N band – Tuesday or Thursday	R and S band – Thursday or Friday M and N band – Tuesday or Thursday	30 mins
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	60 mins
Geography	Monday	Monday	25 mins
History	1 st lesson of the week	1 st lesson of the week	30 mins
Art	Fortnightly on day of lesson	The following lesson	60 mins
Computer Science	Day of lesson	Next lesson	30 mins
RE	Day of lesson	Day of lesson	40 mins
PE	Every 6 weeks	The following lesson	20 minutes

Year 10

Subject	Day Set	Day Due	Time needed to complete (approx)
Maths	Monday	Monday	90 mins
Geography	Tuesday	Tuesday	30 mins
MFL	1-2 new word sets given weekly	Weekly	60 mins
English	Wednesday	Wednesday	90 mins
Double Science	Monday and Thursday	Monday and Thursday	90 mins
Triple Science	Monday, Thursday and Friday	Monday, Thursday and Friday	180 mins
Computer Science	10S – Tuesday 10D – Thursday	10S – Tuesday 10D - Thursday	60 mins
RE	Monday, Thursday, or Friday	Monday, Thursday or Friday	60 mins
History	Option S = Wednesday Option D = Thursday	Option S = Wednesday Option D = Thursday	60 minutes
Art	Every week	The following week	120 minutes
PE (Exam group)	First lesson of the week	The following week	60 minutes

Year 11

Subject	Day Set	Day Due	Time needed to complete (approx)
Maths	Tuesday	Tuesday	90 mins
Geography	Monday	Monday	30 minutes
MFL	1-2 new word sets given weekly	Weekly	60 mins (2 x 30 mins)
English	Friday	Friday	90 mins
Double Science	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday and Thursday	90 mins
Triple Science	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	180 mins
Computer Science	11S – Monday 11D – Wednesday	11S – Monday 11D – Wednesday	60 mins
RE	Monday, Tuesday or Thursday	Monday, Tuesday or Thursday	60 mins
History	Option S = Tuesday Option D = Wednesday	Option S = Tuesday Option D = Wednesday	60 minutes
Art	Every week	The following week	120 minutes
PE (Exam group)	First lesson of the week	The following week	60 minutes

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 students. 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 families support their child by having conversations at home with them about the homework timetable and how they are getting on with the completion of the homework. Parents can also support their children by viewing the study skills videos we have on the Rushey Mead Academy YouTube page. Please see the link below.

[Study skills RMA - YouTube](#)

Types of Homework Students will be set

Type of homework task	Explanation	Examples
Practice	Questions, exercises, or tasks that directly relate to the content that has been taught.	GCSE past papers, low-stakes tests recalling key subject knowledge
Preparation	Preparing for an upcoming lesson or series of lessons.	Reading set texts before an English lesson. Learning vocabulary prior to using it in French lessons.
Revision	The re-study of completed work in preparation of an assessment or exam.	Using strategies such as brain dumps, summarising and chunking, flash cards and dual coding.

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

Every time a homework deadline is missed, students will receive a **Homework** consequence (1 negative point) that parents/carers will be informed of via the MCAS app. However, students will not 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 the following week after school until 4pm. 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.

Homework support clubs

Year 7 and 8 will run on Tuesdays 3pm – 4pm.

Year 9 will run on Wednesdays 3pm – 4pm

Year 10 will run on Thursdays 3pm – 4pm

Year 11 will run on Fridays 3pm – 4pm

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.