



## Homework Policy

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Homework is about independent learning and resilience. The development of study and revision skills are crucial for our students to achieve successful examination outcomes as well as being Fit for Life.

Evidence shows that many students do not complete homework on a regular basis meaning that they are not forming strong, disciplined habits for independent learning in Key Stage 3, in preparation for the demands of Key Stage 4. The possible outcome of this is that students will not fulfil their potential in examinations.

**More students doing more homework, sooner and more regularly, will result in better Key Stage 4 outcomes.**

Changing the culture of homework at John Spence is long term; generational attitudes need to be tackled, therefore a phased approach is required:

## **Phase 1 2023/24**

Introducing expectations at Key Stage 3, breaking down old attitudes and building up new, positive habits. This will involve an initially streamlined homework programme focusing on core subjects and whole school priorities.

## **Phase 2 2024/25**

Increasing homework expectations at Key Stage 3.

[KS4 homework is routinely set and monitored in line with this policy and the Behaviour Policy.](#)

## **Phase 3 2025/26**

[Move towards a traditional homework model across all subjects.](#)

## **Key Stage 3 Homework Expectations**

Students will complete the following Sparx homeworks weekly:

- Maths
- Reading
- Science

Sparx homeworks are self marked, but staff are expected to monitor for compliance and progress.

Students will complete the following vocabulary homework fortnightly on Google Classroom:

- MFL

Following the homework, vocabulary will be tested in class.

Students will complete revision homework for summative assessments and school exams for all other subjects in line with EEF guidance that states, study skills, metacognition and self regulation are best taught via subjects. Therefore, all teachers should

- Explicitly teach relevant study skills prior to assessments/exams
- Request evidence from students present evidence of their revision to demonstrate compliance
- Analyse outcomes of assessments/exams are used to determine the quality of the revision that has taken place

The school schedule for the delivery of study skills can be found [here](#).

### **KS3 Homework [Delivery and Monitoring](#)**

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Hwk set		Sci	Maths		Eng
Support available	Sci	Maths Sci	Maths	Eng	Eng
Deadline and detention text sent		Sci	Maths		Eng
Detention	Eng		Sci	Maths	

- Departments should provide opportunities for students to complete homework in school prior to any deadline.
- A separate centralised 30 minute detention for each subject will take place for all students who do not complete Sparx homework.
- Detentions will be delivered by all staff on a rota basis with each session having at least one member of specialist staff. Detentions will be supported by SLT.
- Period 5 teachers must check lists every day and remind students that they have a detention that afternoon.
- Non-attenders will be monitored and targeted action will be taken in a tiered response either by Curriculum Leaders (subject specific), Heads of Year or SLT.
- MFL staff will assess homework completion through the outcomes of the vocabulary tests.
- All other subject departments will organise their own detentions for failure to complete revision homework or meet deadlines.
- Class Charts should be used to record every detention issued for homework. And for non-attendance to detention.
- Form teachers will use their ClassCharts dashboard to discuss homework with students on a weekly basis and check for completion on a Monday morning.

### **Key Stage 4 homework**

- All subjects will set homework once per week.456789
- This homework should take, on average, approx. 40- 60 mins to complete.
- Revision should be set as homework prior to assessments and examinations.
- Revision should be set with plenty of time to complete effectively; at least two weeks prior to most tests, and 4 weeks in advance for whole school exams.
- Non-completion of homework should be dealt with by class teachers and recorded in ClassCharts with an appropriate sanction.

