

Dear Parent/Carer

10/11/22

We hope your child has enjoyed their first term at secondary school. It has been an excellent start to their time at Montsaye Academy for our new Year 7 students. Individually, and as a year group, they have made a very positive impression. Teachers have described the year group as “a hard-working and ambitious year group with a can-do attitude”. This is evidenced as they have already achieved over 20000 ERA points for demonstrating our values of excellence, resilience and aspiration.

We recognise that some students have found homework challenging during their first term. To support students, the decision has been made for homework to be set for English, Maths, Science, French, History and Geography only. This will be set fortnightly following the homework timetable below. All other subjects may set homework to support the work that is being completed in class, but the completion of this will be optional for students.

Homework Schedule				
Key Stage	Weekly Homework Activities			Fortnightly Homework Activities
Years 7-9 30 minutes per task	Maths	English	Science	All other subject areas

Homework is an integral part of learning as it offers a chance to practice and reinforce the learning from class, alongside offering opportunities to develop independent study and application of skills – as well as developing our character habits of courage, respect and empathy. All homework will continue to be set on Go4Schools with deadlines clearly shown. Parents will be able to view homework on Go4Schools and it can also be found on our school’s website: <https://www.montsaye.northants.sch.uk/students/homework-booklets/>

We recognise that some students may find it easier to complete their homework tasks using the facilities available at the school, rather than at home. With that in mind, we are offering homework support in the library, Monday to Thursday 3-4pm. Attendance to homework club is not compulsory, but if your child struggles to complete their homework tasks, we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to attend, so that we can support helping them keep up to date with all of their work and making good progress in their learning.

If your child is unable to attend the homework club sessions, there are lots of ways you could support them with their homework from home.

- Plan ahead - Regularly sit down with your child to go over homework set on Go4Schools.
- Establish a routine - Setting a regular time and place each day for homework to be done.
- Create a space – Having a dedicated, clear space to complete homework at is helpful for your child.
- Apply school to the "real world" - Talk about how what your child learns now applies outside the classroom, such as the importance of meeting deadlines — as they'll also have to do this in the workplace — or how topics in history class relate to what's happening in today's news.



If your child is struggling with homework, please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's form teacher or subject teacher. You will be able to find out your child's tutor or subject teacher by checking the Go4Schools App. The email address for staff is their first initial followed by their surname@montsaye.northants.sch.uk, for example my email address is fgeorge@montsaye.northants.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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