

## Homework Guide



At Montsaye Academy we believe that homework is an extension of learning beyond the classroom. It extends the range and depth of a student's knowledge and understanding as well as encouraging our students to become independent learners.

Our aim is to raise standards of attainment and achievement by enhancing the quality of homework set whilst engaging parents and carers in the learning process.

To be effective, homework needs to be relevant, fit for purpose and accessible to all students.



### How is homework set at Montsaye Academy, and how much homework can I expect my child to get?

Here at Montsaye Academy we believe that homework plays an extremely important part in your child's learning as it helps them:

- to consolidate learning from a specific lesson or topic,
- to prepare for new learning or
- to independently reflect on their learning from a lesson or topic.

Homework is set on Go4Schools which allows students and parents to keep track of the work that has been set. Our high expectations in regards to the setting and completion of homework are consistent across all year groups, however, the amount of homework and the regularity of it varies slightly across each key stage. It is an expectation that homework will be differentiated to support our students as well as provide them with an opportunity to further challenge their learning. Many of our homework tasks are based around our knowledge organisers which can be found on our website.

Key Stage 3: Across years 7-9 The Academy expects that homework will be set weekly for Maths, English and Science and at least once a fortnight for all other subject areas. As a guide, each piece of homework should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Key Stage 4: Students in years 10 and 11 will be set homework weekly for Maths, English and Science and at least once a fortnight for all their other option subjects. As a guide, each piece of homework should take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

#### Homework Schedule

Key Stage	Weekly Homework Activities			Fortnightly Homework Activities		
	Years 7-9 30 minutes per task	Maths	English	Science	All other subject areas	
Years 10-11 60 minutes per task	Maths	English	Science	Option A Subject	Option B Subject	Option C Subject

Classroom teachers are responsible for monitoring the completion of homework and will set appropriate sanctions if it is not completed or not completed to an appropriate standard. Sanctions for the non-completion of homework are set by the classroom teacher and will involve a detention should homework not be completed on time.

Students are able to access support with their homework within school by approaching their individual teachers and also through the school library which is open every evening afterschool 3pm-4pm.

In order to ensure that the homework set for our students is high quality and adds value to the learning they complete within school, Heads of Subjects within each faculty across the Academy will conduct quality-assurance checks as part of the whole school quality assurance schedule.

## How can I support my child with their homework?

Children can find it very helpful if routines are established at home whereby homework has a specific time set aside for its completion. In addition, it is beneficial to provide an appropriate place within the home where your child is able to focus on completing the work that has been set. Furthermore, it is particularly useful to discuss homework with your child regularly as they may raise queries which you might be able to assist them with or can help them make contact with their teacher. You are able to check what homework has been set by checking the Go 4 Schools website. It also allows your child to contact their teachers with any specific questions they may have in regards to the homework they have been set.

[www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com)

### Homework Top Tips

1. Keep track of your child's homework at [www.sgo4schools.com](http://www.sgo4schools.com) or by downloading the app.
2. Set up a quiet space at home where homework can be completed and make sure there are pens and paper to hand.
3. Set aside enough time for homework to be completed either in the evenings or at weekends and help your child to organise their time.
4. Encourage your child to use the school library to help them complete their homework; it is open every evening after school.
5. Make sure distractions are avoided e.g. turn off the television and put mobile phones away.
6. It helps to keep a routine e.g. it may be better for your child to complete homework as soon as they get home from school, whereas other children may find it more effective to take a break and start homework later in the evening.
7. Take time to look over your child's homework and praise them for the work they have done. Ask them to explain how it links with what they have been studying in class – this gives you a chance to open up a discussion with them.
8. Although it is helpful to assist your child with their homework, avoid completing it for them as this does not allow the teacher to see if they require any further help.
9. Encourage your child to read regularly as this helps them develop better communication skills which benefits all of their subject areas.
10. If your child is really struggling with homework, please contact your child's form tutor who may be able to help.

Should you require any further information in regards to homework at Montsaye please feel free to contact either your child's form teacher, subject teacher or the relevant head of subject.

Alternatively, please contact the Academy and ask to speak with Ms Amy Bunker (Head of Humanities / Extended Leadership Team).