



OAKMOOR

YEAR 8

HOMework

GUIDE FOR

PARENTS



Why do we set homework at Oakmoor?

At Oakmoor, we believe homework provides an additional opportunity for students to strengthen their learning and improve their chances of success. Homework is an essential part of learning because it helps students revisit, practise and consolidate the knowledge taught in lessons.

Our homework model helps students remember what they have learned in lessons. Regular practice helps important knowledge stay in their memory for longer and prepares them for future learning, tests and exams.

We encourage students to complete homework little and often across the week rather than leaving it until the deadline. Spacing practice in this way is far more effective than cramming and helps students remember knowledge for longer.

The habits students develop in Year 7 and 8 are particularly important. Homework gradually increases in complexity as students move through the school, so establishing strong routines from the beginning will help students become independent learners and achieve the very best outcomes possible in assessments, examinations and beyond.

The knowledge and habits developed through homework in Year 8 provide the foundation for strong results in assessments, GCSE examinations and beyond.

Homework and platforms used

Parents and Carers are encouraged to check homework platforms weekly and support students in establishing a regular homework routine.

Microsoft Teams	This is where each homework is recorded and any additional instructions are provided. Your child will be shown how to access Microsoft Teams during September. Parents can access homework information by logging into Microsoft Teams through their child's account. We encourage parents to regularly review homework alongside their child and support them in planning and prioritising tasks according to the deadlines provided.
<u>Sparx learning</u> Sparx Reader Sparx Maths Sparx Science	Sparx Learning provides personalised homework in Reading, Maths and Science. The platform adapts to your child's needs, helping them practise key knowledge and skills while providing Teachers with information about progress and areas requiring support.
Art homework	Art homework is introduced to help students develop their cultural knowledge and understanding while improving their fine motor skills, which are so important throughout secondary school.
Carousel	Carousel Learning uses regular low-stakes quizzes and flashcards to help students recall knowledge from memory, a proven strategy called retrieval practice. By revisiting key learning over time, students strengthen their long-term memory, build confidence and improve their understanding of the curriculum. Teachers use the results to provide feedback and identify any gaps in learning.

When is homework set and due for each subject

Homework is set and due according to the schedule below.

From October, students who miss a homework deadline will attend an after-school homework detention where staff will support them to complete the missing work and establish positive homework routines.

How often subject sets	Subject	Set and hand in day	How?
Weekly	Sparx Reader	Monday	Sparx
	English Seneca	Wednesday	Seneca
	Sparx Maths	Thursday *	Sparx
	Sparx Science	Friday	Sparx
Once every two weeks - Set in class	Art	Set in class according to timetable	Paper based
Week A Once every two weeks	Geography	Tuesday	Carousel
	MFL	Tuesday	Carousel
Week B Once every two weeks	History	Wednesday	Carousel
	RE	Wednesday	Carousel
Assessment revision only	Computer Science	Friday	Carousel
*Maths new homework will be issued at 3pm every Friday			

Homework diary for the fridge

Oakmoor Key Stage 3 homework

Sparx homework

Maths · Reader · Science

Seneca homework

English

Carousel homework

Geography · MFL · History · RE · Computer Science*

Paper based homework

Art

Please note:
Dates are subject to change if necessary.
* Computer Science is only set for Year 7 and 8 assessments

Day	Homework Due / Set	Frequency	Platform
Monday	Sparx Reader	Weekly	Sparx
Tuesday	Geography (Week A)	Once every two weeks	Carousel
	MFL (Week A)	Once every two weeks	Carousel
Wednesday	English	Weekly	Seneca
	History (Week B)	Once every two weeks	Carousel
	RE (Week B)	Once every two weeks	Carousel
Thursday	Sparx Maths*	Weekly	Sparx
Friday	Sparx Science	Weekly	Sparx
	Computer Science (Assessment revision only)	As required	Carousel
According to timetable	Art	Once every two weeks	Paper-based

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How can Parents help?

- Encourage a regular homework routine.
- Help your child plan their homework across the week and avoid leaving it until the deadline.
- Encourage your child to speak to their teacher as soon as possible if they are struggling with a homework task.
- Contact the school if technical issues prevent homework completion.
- Please send any detentions queries by email to - detentions@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk

How can Students get help?

- Support with homework completion and resolving common problems such as forgotten passwords.
- Encourage your child not to hold onto problems and to speak with their tutor or teacher before the deadline.
- We have homework support in school and after school available.

In School support

Subject	Lunchtime support - Library IT Suites	Homework Club everyday 3pm - 4pm in the Library Computer suites
MFL	Monday	
Sparx Reader	Monday	
English	Tuesday	
Maths	Wednesday	
Science	Wednesday	
Art	Art Club & Support Friday	

Homework detentions

Subject	Detention / Twilight day
DT	Monday
Maths	Monday
RE	Monday
Computing	Monday
Sparx Reader	Tuesday
MFL	Wednesday
Science	Wednesday
Geography	Wednesday
History	Wednesday
Art	Wednesday
PE	Friday
Performing Arts	Friday
English	Friday

Homework detentions explained

If a student does not submit their homework by the deadline, they will be issued a **40-minute homework detention with the relevant subject teacher**.

For example, if a student misses a Science homework deadline, they will be assigned a **40-minute Science homework detention**.

If a student does not attend this detention, they will be issued a **Science twilight detention**. Twilight detentions run from **3:05pm to 4:15pm**.

Our priority is to help students develop successful homework habits and provide support when difficulties arise.

Homework detentions provide an opportunity for staff to identify any difficulties early and offer help where needed.

For this reason, we strongly encourage students to **start homework well before the deadline**, allowing time to seek support if they encounter any challenges.