

Homework 2020-21

Introduction

After the successful introduction of the knowledge organiser based homework in September 2019 it has been reviewed by staff across the academy, resulting in a few changes for 20/21. This includes the introduction of Bedrock for students in years 7-9; online homework tasks for Science and Spanish to complement the learning that is being carried out in the classroom and year 8 starting with a phased introduction of homework until November.



Homework at Plympton Academy is based on research by the EEF;DFE and UCL, along with guiding principles from Tom Sherrington:

“Students who are successful at A Level and GCSE are those who have developed independent learning skills and have the capacity to lead the learning process. . .”

Tom Sherrington, 2012.

“Completion of homework can add 5 months progress onto a student’s learning.”

(EEF 2016)

*“Quality homework must include practice and spiral review.”
Frey and Fisher 2011.*

For 2020-21, the common format approach will continue, with online tasks for Maths (Hegarty); Science (Seneca) and Spanish (Language Gym) plus the introduction of a literacy homework using Bedrock for students in years 7-9 that will support learning across all subjects.

Students will use their homework book for all other subjects, and will use their knowledge organiser to complete one of the following tasks:

Self-quizzing

Dual coding notes

Flashcards

The emphasis is on doing something active with the information, and homework tasks should last for 20 minutes, using spaced & repeated practice. Students can find the homework timetable in their KO / Semester Handbook and on the academy website. The amount of hwk for yr 7 and 8 will increase throughout the year to cover all subject areas. The homework timetable will be suspended two weeks before and during assessment periods - more information will follow nearer the time.

The setting of homework

- Homework set centrally and recorded on ClassCharts.
- If subject teachers want to direct students to a particular section of KO to focus on (or BTEC work to complete) then they will use the **announcements** section of CC.

Checking of homework

- Homework will be marked on ClassCharts using the following colour coding

Completed to a satisfactory standard

Not completed - a detention must be issued as well

Extenuating Circumstances

Semester 1 Homework Timetable:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday	<i>Spanish</i>	<i>Bedrock</i> History	<i>Biology</i> RS Option 1 / N Option 2 / P	<i>Biology</i> English RS Option 1 / N	<i>Biology</i> English Option 1 / N
Tuesday	<i>Bedrock</i>	<i>Spanish</i> Geography	<i>Bedrock</i> <i>Chemistry</i> Option 3 / Q	<i>Chemistry</i> Option 2 / P Option 3 / Q	<i>Chemistry</i> Option 2 / P Option 3 / Q
Wednesday	<i>Science</i>	<i>Bedrock</i> RS	<i>Physics</i> English Option 4 / R	<i>Physics</i> English Option 4 / R	<i>Physics</i> English Option 4 / R
Thursday	<i>Bedrock</i>	<i>Science</i> Art	<i>Bedrock</i> RS Option 1 / N	RS Option 1 / N Option 2 / P	Option 1 / N Option 2 / P Option 3 / Q
Friday	<i>Maths</i> English	<i>Maths</i> English Technology rotation	<i>Maths</i> Option 2 / P Option 3 / Q Option 4 / R	<i>Maths (x2)</i> Option 3 / Q Option 4 / R	<i>Maths x2</i> Option 4 / R