

Homework



The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form believes that homework is an essential part of the whole educational process.

Homework should be viewed as a means of reinforcing work that has taken place in a lesson, as a piece of preparation for a forthcoming lesson, or as a piece of research which will deepen individual knowledge of a topic or subject. Homework may involve finishing off work begun in the classroom; it may consist of learning spelling and the meaning of words; it may sometimes involve reading a passage, or even just thinking about a subject. Sometimes, homework may involve some practical experiment or task; it may involve research, or a walk in a shopping precinct to observe something, or a questionnaire to complete. There may be occasions when a subject teacher decides it is not appropriate to set work for a certain homework period.

1. We request that parents keep a check on our online homework platform [Show My Homework](#) and use planners to convey messages between home and school where necessary. We request that students' planners are signed weekly, ready to be checked in tutor time once a week.
2. We urge parents to ensure that their children have a quiet place and sufficient time to complete their homework tasks.
3. We would encourage parents and students to regularly check [Show My Homework](#) in order to prioritise tasks and manage their workload across the week to avoid a build-up of homework.
4. We do not want pupils to struggle for an excessive amount of time on work they cannot do; please stop pupils working unnecessarily.
5. We believe that evidence of effort by pupils counts as much as quantity of work.

Our aim is not to make the amount of homework pupils have so heavy that they are de-motivated by it, or worse still, denied the time to participate in worthwhile hobbies and interests outside school. We believe that children should be encouraged to widen their extra curricular activities so that their maturity, confidence and experience is as broad as possible by the time they reach 16.

Subject Information

Please find below details of the frequency of homework set by specific subjects for Years 7, 8 and 9, and the approximate amount of time your child should be spending on their homework. As a reminder, please work with your child to ensure they prioritise tasks appropriately to manage their workload.

Subject	Frequency	Time	Notes
Art	Once every 3 weeks	45 mins	
English	Weekly	Yr7 20-30 mins Yr8 30-40 mins Yr9 40-60 mins	
Geography	Fortnightly	30mins- 1 hour	Sometimes project work is set and pupils may choose to spend longer
History	Fortnightly	30mins- 1 hour	Sometimes project work is set and pupils may choose to spend longer
ICT – Yr9 AIDA	weekly	2/3 hours 1 hour (AIDA)	ICT rooms are open at lunch and after school
ICT Yrs7, 8 & 9 Core	When necessary during a project	½ hour	ICT rooms are open at lunch and after school
Languages	Weekly	Yr7 20-30 mins Yr8 25-35 mins Yr9 30-45 mins	
Maths	Weekly	Yr7 20-30 mins Yr8 30-40 mins Yr9 45-60 mins	
Music	Approx Fortnightly	Approx 30 mins	
Personal Development	Approx Fortnightly	Approx 30 mins	
Philosophy & Ethics	Once every 5 weeks Once every 10	45 mins	

	weeks	2 hours	
Science	Weekly	30 mins	
D & T	Weekly	Yr7 20-30 mins Yr8 30-40 mins Yr9 40-50 mins	