



Beaumont School

Year 8 Homework Overview

ENGLISH

Tasks and timings:

Students will have a long term creative writing project "The Children's Book" to complete in the second half of the Autumn term. There are research projects on Shakespeare and Dickens. There is also an on going independent guided reading course throughout the year leading to awards and a public debating competition requiring preparation and practice in the Spring term. In addition shorter tasks will be set weekly; these may include:

Essays

Poetry

Spelling

Reading tasks

Research

These may be set as 2 short tasks or an hour's assignment

How parents can help at home:

The homework tasks for each unit will be on the homework page on the web-site which can be accessed from home so parents are able to help and guide students. We would be grateful if they encouraged students to proof read work and meet deadlines.

MATHEMATICS

Tasks and timings:

One 45 minute homework per week consolidating work done in class.

How parents can help at home:

In the homework books that the students are given there is DVD copy of the textbook and the My Maths website to which we subscribe has complete lessons on all topics. Parents can encourage their children to use these for additional support.

SCIENCE

Tasks and timings:

Homework could include: Research tasks, answer questions from text book/CD Rom, homework question sheets.

One homework task will be set for every two lessons of Science, lasting 30 minutes. Teachers may set a longer project that takes two or more homework slots as appropriate

How parents can help at home:

We develop students' understanding of scientific models in Year 8. Encourage your child to link ideas together and explain concepts in greater detail.



ART

Tasks and timings:

Homework will be set once every 2 weeks which will be based on or extend the lesson content. This may include a drawing task, completion of class work or artist research task in preparation for the next lesson. Students should spend between 30 minutes to an hour to complete the homework.

How parents can help at home:

- Help your children become organised with basic art equipment, eg. pens, pencils, felt tips etc
- Encourage students to be involved in artist research by gathering information from libraries

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Tasks and timings:

Year 8 and 9 pupils rotate through Food, Textiles, Graphics, Resistant Materials and ICT every term over a five term period. Each term they will receive homework to cover each of the following areas: analysing products, developing ideas and evaluating products. In addition they will also be asked to prepare any necessary ingredients and storage containers for Food lessons.

In the Summer term homework will be used to support the 'Sustainability Project', will include the above and will be collaborative in nature.

Homework will be set every week for the following week and should take no longer than one hour to complete.

How parents can help at home:

General discussion concerning work, points of view and opinions are very useful to help pupils reflect on their ideas. Help may be given to assist students in any aspect of research, analysis, planning and evaluating project work. Preparation of materials and equipment in food is expected to be the responsibility of each child (under adult supervision, as appropriate).

DRAMA

Tasks and timings:

No homework is set at key stage 3.



GEOGRAPHY

Tasks and timings:

Students will have several pieces of homework per topic to complete. There is usually one topic per half term. They will aim to extend and develop their knowledge or prepare for a piece of assessment. All of the homework tasks will be found on the homework page of the web-site and students will be set the tasks by their teacher. In some cases, one piece of homework might take 2 weeks to complete.

How parents can help at home:

The homework tasks for each unit will be on the homework page of the web-site which can be accessed from home so parents are able to help and guide students. There are also several websites or other sources used in the homework tasks which students and parents can explore in greater depth.

HISTORY

Tasks and timings:

The aim of homework in Key stage 3 history is the opportunity to develop both knowledge, skills and enjoyment of the topics studied in class in a way that it is not possible or easy to do in the History classroom. Each task will be set individually by the class teacher, but from one of 6 'themes' that every class in the year group will follow that half term. These are: Creativity, ICT, Research, Sources, Wider Reading and Presentations. Details will be given to the students at the beginning of the task including methods and deadlines (near the end of the half term). Progress in these tasks will be monitored across the half term.

How parents can help at home:

The homework tasks for each unit will be on the homework page of the web-site which will be specific to the task undertaken that half term.

ICT

Tasks and timings:

No homework is set at key stage 3.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES: French/German/Spanish

Tasks and timings:

1st language: 2 sets of homework per week, lasting 30 mins each.

2nd language: 1 homework per week, lasting 30 mins.

- vocabulary learning
- comprehension exercises
- grammar exercises
- writing tasks
- revision for assessments
- FAST-TRACK: Extended writing; preparation for speaking assessments.

How parents can help at home:

Test pupils on vocabulary using their books.

Practise language using websites such as www.languagesonline.org.uk and www.linguascope.com (password from your child's teacher)



MUSIC

Tasks and timings:

No homework is set at key stage 3.

PE

Tasks and timings:

No homework is set at key stage 3.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Tasks and timings:

3 end of unit assessments (roughly one per term). Pupils will be given 1-2 weeks to complete these:

- Piece of writing analysing and evaluating equality in Sikhism
- A diary of a pilgrimage to Hajj
- Piece of writing explaining why Passover is important to Jews

All pupils will have an assessment sheet outline in their books. These will be put onto the homework page of the web-site. Relevant websites will be suggested on the sheet. There will be a book box in library with suitable textbooks.

In addition to this pupils will receive shorter tasks to complete at home roughly once every 2-3 weeks. Tasks will include: researching facts, completing pieces of work started in class and answering questions which consolidate work learnt in class.

How parents can help at home:

Encourage their children to read the assessment sheet carefully to see what is required of them. Assessment sheets will be available on the homework page of the web-site. They should also remind them about the book box in the library or take them to their local library when appropriate.

Homework page: http://www.beaumontschool.com/school_life/homework.php