



Higher Homework Programme 2019-20

How much time should I be spending on study and homework?

For Higher Courses, if you are to achieve the best results that you can, you need to be spending at least 2 hours per week, per subject, on homework and self-directed study.

What does effective study look like?

Details of effective self-direct study activities are given on pages 7 and 8 of the student Planner.

Self-quizzing, Knowledge Organisers and recall

Course teachers have provided details of the homework tasks that you can typically expect to be given for each course. As part of this, teachers often refer to 'self-quizzing' using Knowledge Organisers. Knowledge Organisers are documents which set out all of the knowledge which you need to learn for a course. By 'learning', we mean committing information to long-term memory. Self-quizzing is a very useful activity to help you do this.

Assessments (in class and in exams) will require you to recall knowledge and apply it, for example, to solve problems and think critically. **Learning core knowledge well is one of the most important things that you can do to get the best results you can.** Homework and other independent study should focus on activities which help you commit knowledge to long-term memory (i.e. to learn it) and which require you to recall this knowledge (which some teachers call 'retrieval practice').

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Subject	Homework details
Art & Design	Art & Design homework will be all based around folio preparation. This may include: an expressive drawing or a design development idea, self-quizzing on Artists and Designers, vocabulary/terminology studied at Higher using Knowledge Organisers or SQA Past Paper practice questions.
Biology	60 minutes on exam-style questions plus 60 minutes independent study, e.g. using Scholar, and consolidating learning through production of flash cards and self-quizzing.
Business Management	Will usually involve a 60 minute exam question based activity, plus 30 minutes of self-quizzing using the relevant Knowledge Organiser, plus 30 minutes of independent study using tutor2u.com, BBC Bitesize and OneNote.
Chemistry	60 minutes on exam-style questions plus 60 minutes independent study, e.g. using Scholar, and consolidating learning through production of flash cards and self-quizzing.

Computing Science	Practice exam style questions, plus 50 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, notes on Glow or BBC Bitesize.
Design & Manufacture	Practice exam style questions, plus 50 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, notes on Glow or BBC Bitesize. Additional folio practice work such as drawing and annotating designs.
Drama	Typical activities will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-quizzing on Higher Drama vocabulary Knowledge Organisers; • Learning lines for textual extracts being studied in class; • SQA Past Paper practice questions.
Engineering Science	Practice exam style questions, plus 50 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, notes on Glow or BBC Bitesize.
Economics	Will usually involve a 60 minute question-based activity, plus 30 minutes of self-quizzing using the relevant knowledge organiser or 30 minutes reading The Economist plus 30 minutes of independent study using economicsonline.co.uk and tutor2u.com .
English	In the senior phase, homework tasks should take around one and a half hours per week and will typically include writing critical essays, drafting and redrafting folio pieces, completing reading papers and using knowledge organisers to revise.
Fashion & Textiles	Practice test style questions, plus 30 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, notes on Glow or BBC Bitesize. Folio and research work for current project. Practice tasks to reinforce learning in class.
Geography	Topics Studied: Physical Environments (Atmosphere, Hydrosphere, Lithosphere, Biosphere), Human Environments (Rural, Population, Urban), Global Issues (Health, Global Warming). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produce a set of revision cards for each topic. 2. Complete SQA Past Paper question in homework book.
German	A reading comprehension exercise from a homework booklet, lasting approx. 60 mins, or a piece of either directed or discursive writing. Occasional grammar homework task lasting approx. 30 - 45 minutes. Preparation for talking performance in February / March. Scholar for 30 mins a week. Revision of vocabulary, irregular verbs, grammar etc. for 30 minute a week. Pupils have been given a German grammar text book home for self-study. Pupils can use Quizlet to make their own study sets. Pupils are encouraged to follow German language sites on Facebook to gain further practice in reading and listening.
Graphic Communication	Practice exam style questions, plus 50 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, notes on Glow or BBC Bitesize. Additional assignment practice work such as sketching and annotating designs.
History	Essay question every week which will take 45 minutes. To complete a 30 minute brain dump of knowledge each week, this will be looked at alongside the essay. 50 minutes of self-quizzing and designing quizzes for each other. Self-quizzing is NOT about the topic we have just studied but about topics from the past.
Maths	There will be a weekly homework exercise to consolidate learning. In addition, weekly homework for students includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back-up class work using web packages;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for assessments, including Feedback Assessments; • Work on feedback from lessons to improve targets; • Manga High tasks; • SQA Past Paper work; • Complete questions not completed in class; • Retrieval practice activities.
Modern Studies	30 minutes of self-quizzing from the knowledge organisers. 30 minutes each week of keeping up to date with current affairs, either by watching the news or reading articles online/ from a newspaper. 60 minutes of set homework each week: an essay, a skills question and/or background reading as issued by the teacher.
Music	Typical activities will include; Self-quizzing on Higher Music vocabulary knowledge organisers. Refining performance skills. Developing compositions.
Music Technology	Typical activities will include; Self-quizzing on Higher Music Technology vocabulary knowledge organisers. Refining recording and mixing skills. Researching effects and their uses.
PE	Question based homework, including review of previously marked work (60 mins fortnightly) Studying key concepts explored in class using the Higher PE Knowledge Organisers, SATPE, BBC Bitesize and textbook. (30 mins fortnightly) [The above areas will be issued on alternative weeks]
Photography	Photography homework may include taking location photo shoots and writing up folios. Self-quizzing on knowledge organisers.
Physics	60 minutes on exam-style questions plus 60 minutes independent study, e.g. using Scholar, and consolidating learning through production of flash cards, etc. and self-quizzing.
RMPS	Will involve one 60 minute session of questions relevant to current class study. 30 minutes self-quizzing using relevant Knowledge organiser to the unit.