



National 5 Homework Schedule 2019-20

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

For National 5 Courses, if you are to achieve the best results that you can, you need to be spending **at least 75 minutes 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').

Details of typical homework tasks

Details of typical homework tasks for National 5 Courses are given in the table below.

| Subject | Homework details |
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| 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 N5 using Knowledge Organisers or SQA Past Paper practice questions. |
| Biology | 30 minutes on exam-style questions involving research and consolidation plus 45 minutes on a reading/study task from texts. |
| Business Management | Will usually involve a 45 minute question-based or case-study based activity, plus 30 minutes of self-quizzing using the relevant Knowledge Organiser. |
| Chemistry | 45 minutes on exam-style questions plus 30 minutes consolidating learning through production of flash cards, self-quizzing and other recall activities. |
| Computing Science | Practice exam style questions, plus 30 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, notes on Glow or BBC Bitesize. |

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| Design & Manufacture | Practice exam style questions, plus 30 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 National 5 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 30 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, notes on Glow or BBC Bitesize. |
| 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 exam style questions, plus 30 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, Leckie & Leckie booklets or BBC Bitesize. Folio and research work for current project. Practice tasks to reinforce learning in class. |
| Geography | Topics Studied: Coasts, Weather, Urban, Assignment. The main focus of homework will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National 5 Assignment Preparation; • Past Paper questions for each Topic using homework book; • Produce a set of revision cards or mind map on each topic. |
| German | Will usually involve a 45 minute reading question-based activity, plus 30 minutes of independent study e.g. using a Knowledge Organiser, Quizlet, Scholar, revision of vocabulary and irregular verbs. Occasional grammar or writing homework task lasting approx. 30 minutes. Preparation for talking performance in February / March. |
| Graphic Communication | Practice exam style questions, plus 30 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 | Will involve one 45 minute session of questions relevant to current class study (exam questions with a focus on knowledge for that week). 30 minutes self-quizzing using relevant Knowledge Organiser which is from a different topic than the one currently being studied in class. |
| Hospitality: Practical Cookery | Practice exam style questions, plus 30 minutes of independent study e.g. using your Knowledge Organiser, notes on Glow or BBC Bitesize. Logbook tasks. Practice tasks to reinforce learning in class. |
| 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; • Prepare for assessments, including Feedback Assessments; • Work on feedback from lessons to improve targets; • Manga High tasks; • SQA Past Paper work; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete questions not completed in class; • Retrieval practice activities. |
| Modern Studies | 30 minutes of self-quizzing from Knowledge Organisers every week. 45 minutes will be made up other teacher-given tasks. Every other week will be a set of essay questions to complete. |
| Music | <p>Typical activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-quizzing on National 5 Music vocabulary Knowledge Organisers; • Refining performance skills; • Developing compositions. |
| Music Technology | <p>Typical activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-quizzing on National 5 Music Technology vocabulary Knowledge Organisers. • Refining performance and mixing skills. • Researching effects and their uses. |
| PE | Complete questions related to the Portfolio (30 minutes weekly); Background research on Portfolio sections using BBC Bitesize and textbooks (20 minutes weekly). |
| Physics | 45 minutes on exam-style questions plus 30 minutes consolidating learning through production of flash cards, etc. and self-quizzing. |
| Photography | Photography homework may include taking location photo shoots and writing-up folios. Self-quizzing on Knowledge Organisers. |
| RMPS | Will involve one 45 minute session of questions relevant to current class study. 30 minutes self-quizzing using relevant Knowledge Organiser. |