



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Years 7 to 9 - Homework

Students in these year groups take pride in their uniform, are diligent during lessons and are committed to their own learning. However, it has become evident that homework is not always consistently completed to a high standard.

To support you as parents, this letter explains the rationale behind why we set homework and it acts as a guide to support you with your child's learning outside of the classroom.

Homework serves to not only improve educational attainment but also to develop independent learning skills and self-discipline in our students. It fundamentally encourages students to take ownership and responsibility for their own learning.

**We believe that homework is important for students in Years 7 to 9 in order to:**

1. Allow practice and consolidation of work done in class
2. Allow preparation for future class work
3. Develop skills in using libraries and other learning resources through independent research

### **Setting and accessing homework tasks:**

The use of Google Classroom as an online platform enables students to have access to their homework tasks alongside extra resources that have been provided by their teachers. To avoid overloading students, teachers will give as much time as possible for students to complete their homework and will not set work that must be completed for the following day. There is not a “one-size fits all” policy to homework at Heanor Gate. We know that what is appropriate in one subject may not be appropriate in another.

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Below is a grid which shows the frequency, time and the type of tasks that may be set in each of the following subjects:

Subject	Example of task set	Approximate completion time
Maths	Hegarty Maths or consolidation worksheet	30 minutes per week
Science	Doddle quizzes or webquest research tasks	30 minutes per week
English	Reading task  Knowledge organisers will be used each half term to consolidate the learning taking place in lessons	20 minutes per day  Six weeks – teacher will assess progress regularly
Art	Tasks are based on the termly compulsory competitions e.g Inktober	Termly project (30 minutes per week)
Humanities	Year 7 - 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doddle tasks</li> <li>• Homework research projects</li> <li>• Assessment consolidation tasks</li> <li>• Worksheets</li> </ul>	Varies with each task. Some tasks will take 30 minutes, longer projects will require at least 30 minutes per week over a number of weeks
DTVA	<b>Food</b> - A weekly focused homework task is set in the student's booklet  <b>Design Technology</b> - An independent project is set at the start of each rotation  <b>Art</b> - Tasks are based on termly compulsory competitions such as Inktober  Consolidation tasks are also set	30 minutes  5 weekly project – teacher will assess progress at regular intervals
Computer Science	Tasks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation activities via digital worksheets</li> <li>• Knowledge organiser tasks</li> </ul>	30 minutes per week
PE, Music, Drama and Dance	Consolidation quizzes	30 minutes termly
MFL	Grammar or vocabulary learning task Alternatively, an online listening or reading task may be set	30 minutes per week

As a school, we really would value your support in explaining the importance of homework assignments, by encouraging and praising your child when tasks have been completed to a high standard and by providing a suitable environment for your child to consolidate their learning. Through this partnership we are confident that we can secure the very best outcomes for your child.

Yours sincerely



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