

HOMWORK IN YEAR 9:-

NOTES FOR PARENTS/CARERS

- Homework is a valuable extension and enrichment of the school curriculum. It also prepares students for the future demands of GCSEs and BTECs and teaches them to become **independent learners**.
- It is important that your child has a peaceful area, free from distractions, in which to concentrate and work.
- Homework is set by teachers on '*showmyhomework*'. Students log in via the school website to see what homework has been set, how long they should spend on it and when it is due in. Where relevant resources to support the completion of homework will be available. There is also an 'App' that can be downloaded to Smart phones.
- As a parent/carer you have your own access to '*showmyhomework*'. You can view all the homework set for your child, the deadline for submission and if it overdue.
- It is not a problem if you do not have internet access at home as your child may use our **Learning Resource Centre**, which is open during break, lunchtime and after school.
- If you have any concerns about homework, please contact **Mr Gray**, Pastoral Director, at school.

Weekly Homework

- English and Maths set homework twice per week.
- Science, Spanish History, Geography and RE set homework once per week (with the exception of students in set 1 science who have two per week).
- The recommended time for each subject in Year 9 is **30 minutes**.
- Music and Drama set a combined Performing Arts homework once per unit of work.
- No homework is set in PE at Key Stage 3.
- Homework is not always a written piece of work. It may involve reading, learning, research, revision, thinking or design.
- Please note:- There may be occasions when homework has not been set exactly according to the timetable for a variety of reasons.

Homework Projects

- Homework in Technology and Art is **PROJECT BASED**. This will develop students' independent learning skills and prepare them for the requirements of GCSE and BTECs and beyond.
- Students will be given approximately 4 weeks to complete their projects.
- They will need to organise their time well as they could be working on more than one project at the same time!
- Technology covers the areas of Food, Textiles, Resistant Materials and Computing. Students rotate round the different areas during the year. Homework for Technology will consist of 6 mini investigation projects which will be linked to the subject the student is studying at the time.

