

# Ormiston Shelfield Homework Advice

Homework at Ormiston Shelfield Community Academy

Research shows that:

- Homework raises attainment
- Students who do moderate amounts of homework tend to do better than those who do very little
- Students with a positive attitude to homework tend to succeed.

At Ormiston Shelfield, students are set homework by their subject teachers on a regular basis.

Homework allows students to consolidate the learning they have done in class in order to make progress. It is an opportunity for students to work independently and develop resilience and intellectual curiosity. It allows students to take responsibility for their own learning by enabling them to see the link between good study skills and progress. Students will be able to practice study skills in preparation for Assessment Weeks and GCSEs.

## **Reading at Home**

Students who read for pleasure on a regular basis do better than students who do not. We encourage students to read every evening and ask parents to ask their children about the books that they are reading.

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## Advice for doing Homework in Modern Foreign Languages

Learn new vocabulary at end of each lesson, practising the words and their spellings  
Use the look-cover-check method to learn new words and phrases  
Create mini-flashcards with Target Language on one side and English on the other to practise new words  
Create mind maps, spider diagrams for topic vocabulary  
Say out loud new words/ read out loud sentences to develop pronunciation and confidence  
Practise writing sentences and paragraphs from memory and checking in their books  
Purchase their own bilingual dictionary for use at home  
Ask for help. Teachers are always available before and after school

### Useful interactive Websites

oye.languageskills.co.uk  
[www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)  
[www.espanol-extra.co.uk/](http://www.espanol-extra.co.uk/)  
[www.languagesonline.org.uk](http://www.languagesonline.org.uk)  
zut.languageskills.co.uk

(passwords and usernames in all MFL classrooms)

## Advice for doing Homework in English

Ensure that you fully understand the homework task and seek support from your teacher if you are unsure of the requirements. Give yourself plenty of time to complete the homework and avoid online distractions.  
Review your work for grammar, spelling and punctuation errors before handing it in.  
Develop a growth mind-set; believe that continued focus, effort and practice are key to improving.  
Ensure that you plan all written responses before writing them.  
Use subject specific vocabulary to develop your responses.

### Useful Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z4kw2hv> - to help with plot outlines and features of different writing styles.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/ej384f> - short video clips of texts studied, particularly Shakespeare.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff> - guidance on how to answer different questions for the language examinations.

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## Advice for doing Homework in History

Make sure that you have written the correct task in your student organiser.

If you are not sure what the homework task is, ask the teacher again to explain it.

Give yourself plenty of time to complete the homework and avoid distractions.

When using the internet to complete homework tasks, make sure that you put the information into your own words. DO NOT just copy and paste it.

Complete the homework in a way that is going to help you revise.

Make sure that you include relevant specific information.

Review your work for grammar, spelling and punctuation errors before handing it in.

Develop a growth mind-set; if you keep practising and always try your hardest, you WILL improve!

### Useful Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zk26n39>

<http://ks3historygames.co.uk/>

<http://spartacus-educational.com/>

## Advice for doing Homework in Drama

All tasks are on the noticeboard outside P4 – check this for the task if you are unsure.

Most of the work set links to lessons, so think about what you did as this should help.

Always ASK your teacher if you are unsure BEFORE the deadline so they can help and you can still get work in on time.

Before you hand you work check:

Is it neat?

Have you presented it successfully?

Is it missing anything?

Have you re-read your work and checked your grammar, punctuation and spelling?

Some of your homework will be learning lines. Try reading it lots of times, get someone at home to read it with you, check, cover and try will test if you know it.

Lost your sheet? Copy a friend's sheet on the photocopier for free or ask your teacher for a new one – BUT don't leave this until the date it is due.

Be creative – Some of the homeworks involve your ideas- try your hardest to be imaginative

Unsure of anything? Use the websites below as they may be able to help

### Useful Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zbckjxs>

<https://dramaresource.com>

<https://www.speechnz.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/GLOSSARY-OF-DRAMA-TECHNIQUES.pdf>

<https://www.actonthis.tv/2013/09/top-tips-tricks-learning-lines-actors/>

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## Advice for doing Homework in Mathematics

- **Ensure that you have the equipment that you need.**
  - Use a calculator if you are allowed to.
  - Draw using a pencil and ruler.
- **Read the questions carefully.**
  - Make sure that you **understand the command words** or key phrases in the question. E.g. Solve, Factorise.
- **Always show full working out.**
  - Even if you have answered the question using a calculator.
- **Is there a formula, rule or method that will help you?**
- **Look back through your classwork.**
  - You may have answered similar questions in class.
- **Look up the topic on a website** (see below).
- **Attempt all questions.**
- **Check your answers to see if they are sensible.**
  - Are units required? Have you used the correct mathematical notation?

### Useful Websites

**If you do not have logins for any of these websites, please see your teacher.**

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk>

<https://corbettmaths.com>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

## Advice for doing Homework in Computing

- Ensure that you fully understand the homework task and seek support from your teacher if you are unsure of the requirements.
- For homework that require a computer use the resources available at school. Any of the ICT rooms can be used after school to complete homework.
- Use computing keywords regularly when completing homework tasks. Understanding these terms is important in developing mastery understanding.
- Give yourself plenty of time to complete the homework and avoid online distractions.
- Review your work for grammar, spelling and punctuation errors before handing it in.
- Develop a growth mind-set; believe that continued focus, effort and practice are key to improving.

### Useful Websites

<https://www.bubbl.us/> - Can be used for brainstorming ideas.

<https://code.org/learn> - Develop your code skills by using game environments.

<http://mashable.com/category/tech/> - Includes updates on all of the latest tech.

[https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/editor/?tip\\_bar=home](https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/editor/?tip_bar=home) - Use Scratch at home.

<http://www.teach-ict.com/> - Use your ICT login to revise work from home.

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## Advice for doing Homework in Music

- Make sure that you fully understand the homework task and seek support from your teacher, if you are not certain of what you need to do.
- Complete the work booklet in black or blue pen, taking time to check your use of Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPAG).
- Look after your booklet by putting it into a plastic wallet.
- Take pride in your booklet, making sure that you present your work well with clear easy to read handwriting.
- Give yourself plenty of time to complete all tasks well.
- Do not copy others. The homework is designed to challenge your understanding of music theory, notation and your ability to appraise music.
- Learn what the music elements mean and practise using them in sentences. This will help you express what you mean when reflecting on music and when providing feedback to others.

### Useful Websites

- BBC Bitesize KS3  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zmsvr82>

### Music notation and note values

- Guidance: <https://tinyurl.com/y6wq4opa>
- Revision games: <https://tinyurl.com/y79vj78e>

## Advice for doing Homework in Science

- Ask the teacher well before the completion date if you need help with your homework – they are available at break time, lunchtime and after school if you need them.
- Parents/carers, feel free to write a note in the student organiser for the teacher if your child needs support with homework but is worried about asking.
- A number of science homework's are printed onto blue paper so remember if you see these, they need to be completed by the attached completion date.
- Find a quiet space where you can focus on your homework and avoid distractions – your work will be better and you will complete it more quickly!
- You can purchase revision guides from the Science prep room to support you with the homework tasks.
- Refer to your exercise book – that is what they are for.

### Useful Websites

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zng4d2p>
- [https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive\\_ks3\\_science](https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_ks3_science)