

Homework in Year 8: Helping Your Child Make Progress



How Often Is Homework Set?

Weekly Homework

Homework in 4 eBacc subjects is set once per week:

English, Mathematics, Science, Spanish.

Homework Every 3 Weeks

The school year is split into 4 Learning Blocks. Each Learning Block is 9 weeks long. Some subjects will set homework once every 3 weeks – in other words, your child will have 3 homeworks from them each learning block:

History, Geography, Art, Music, Dance, Drama, Food and Graphics.

PE Homework

Students must go to one extra-curricular PE session per Learning Block. This counts as their homework.

Homework will start on the 11th September.

Homework Timetable

There is a homework timetable in place. This is on a separate leaflet and is also available on the school website. This shows that English, Maths, Science and Spanish homework is set each week. It also shows what other homeworks you can expect to get on a certain week.

What Kind Of Homework Will It Be?

Homework can be:

- a) Set on paper and returned on paper;
- b) Set online through our homework package, Doodle.

Doodle homework is set online and completed online. A separate leaflet is available giving full details of Doodle.

Homework Clubs

We know that students might need support with homework.

The school runs homework clubs 3 times each day:

Before school from 7.30am until 8.30am

At lunchtime

After school from 3pm until 3.45pm

All homework clubs take place in a room with computers and internet access.

All homework clubs are staffed by a teacher or a teaching assistant – this means that someone is always available to help

As A Parent, How Do I Know What Homework Is Being Set?

We use Google Classroom to show what homework your child has been set.

You can download the app onto any smartphone. The link is on the homework section of the school website at www.newallgreenhigh.manchester.sch.uk You can also view it on any PC or tablet.

A separate leaflet is available giving parents and carers full details of Google Classroom.

Helping With Homework

You Can Make A Big Difference To Your Child!

- Ask your child what homework they have each day.
- Sit with them and help them complete it.
- Take an interest in the homework projects that are set for your child.
- Help them to set aside a regular time each day to complete their homework.
- Make sure that they have pens, pencils, paper – whatever they need to complete the work. If there are issues with being able to provide these, contact us at school – we will be happy to help.
- If the homework has been set on Doodle, you can check that it has been done by using your child's login.
- You can view all homework set for your child on Google Classroom.

What Happens If They Can't Complete Their Homework?

This can happen for a number of reasons. If it is a one-off reason, for example a weekly homework can't be completed because there is a family emergency, please send your child with a note to the class teacher, or telephone school to let us know. If they can't complete it because they don't understand it, your child needs to **see the class teacher before the homework is due** so that the teacher can help them with it. If there are any other issues particular to your child, please telephone us at school and let us know. We are here to help and support you and your child.

Homework Detentions

Homework is a crucial part of learning and making progress. If a child does not complete their homework without a good reason, they might be given extra time by the teacher and if it is not done then, they will have a detention with their class teacher. If they do not complete 3 homeworks in a 4 week timescale, they will go into an after-school detention for **one hour**. If this happens more than once, the detention will be for **1 ½ hours**.



Homework Does Matter!

Research from Duke University (one of the top universities in the U.S.) shows that homework has a positive effect on how well your child does at school.

They reviewed more than 60 research studies on homework and found that it had a positive impact on student achievement. This impact was particularly large for secondary students.

We are here to support you with your child completing homework; please let us know if there is anything we can do to help!

