

Our Ref: SST/HBr

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Re: Homework Expectations

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last eighteen months the school has gathered a lot of feedback from staff, pupils and parents regarding homework. As a school, we highly value homework and feel strongly that it plays an important role in the educational development of our pupils.

I would like to remind all parents/guardians that we have simplified our approach to homework, as follows:

- For any given subject all homework tasks are set within the school's Knowledge Organisers.
- Knowledge Organisers can be located, for you reference, via the following weblink <https://www.thedustonschool.org/page/?title=Knowledge+Organisers&pid=130>.
- Students are not issued with a homework diary. They need to refer to the Knowledge Organisers, which they carry on their person daily.
- Not all subjects set the same deadline for homework tasks.
- Not all subjects adopt the same format for homework tasks, they are bespoke to the subject's needs.
- Every subject sets a minimum of three homework tasks a term.
- Failure to complete homework will result in a detention.

I would strongly urge all parents to look at the weblink referenced in this letter. All pupils, for any one given Duston term, will receive at least 27 homework tasks to complete per term. The responsibility for the completion of homework rests firmly with our pupils and not the teaching staff. If your son/daughter cites to you that they do not have any homework then please refer them to the organisers online. As a school we have deliberately shared with you and our pupils the homework tasks at the start of any given term so pupils can organise a weekly homework schedule that fits in and around their extra-curricular activities both inside and outside of school. I hope that this letter serves as both a timely and pertinent reminder to you.

Yours sincerely,



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