



Tuesday 8th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Y8 and Y9 Homework Timetable and Expectations

At Maidenhill, we value homework as an important tool in helping students to **know more and remember more**, enabling them to make at least the expected progress over time. Homework also helps students to develop important lifelong skills, including organisation, time management, research, revision techniques and creativity.

Homework forms an essential part of our educational offer, and we expect both students and parents to engage positively with it.

Using ClassCharts

To support organisation, all homework tasks will continue to be set on ClassCharts. By clicking on an individual task, students and parents will be able to view specific details about what needs to be completed, along with any resources required.

We expect **students to check ClassCharts daily**, and we would encourage parents to do the same in order to support their child at home.

Homework Timetable

The attached homework timetable has been created to help spread students' workload across the fortnightly timetable.

In order to prevent homework from building up, we strongly recommend that **students complete tasks on the day they are set**, wherever possible. This will also give them time to seek support if they need it before the deadline. Leaving tasks until the night before they are due can make this more difficult.

To support this approach, homework tasks will not be set with 'next-day' deadlines.

Making Homework Accessible

In response to both student and parent feedback collected last year, we have made adaptations to our homework to ensure that tasks are more accessible. Where appropriate, this will include clear examples, success criteria and guidance about what is required to produce high-quality work.

We will also not be using the online platform Educake this year.

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Study Zone

To support students in completing their homework, we will continue to offer Study Zone. This is a supervised computer suite where students have access to the resources they need to complete homework in a quiet working environment. Study Zone will run from **Monday to Friday, 3.00–4.00pm, in CR3**. No booking is required, and it is free for all students to access.

We will also continue to offer **Supported Study Zone** on a **Monday to Friday, 3.00-4.00pm, in CR4** for those students who would benefit from additional support from our Learning Support Assistants to complete the tasks set. No booking is required, and it is free for students with identified learning needs to access.

Expectations and Consequences

Homework has an important role in supporting students' progress. Therefore, where a homework task has not been completed by the deadline, students will be expected to attend a compulsory after-school 40-minute detention.

During this time, students will be expected to complete the outstanding task to the best of their ability. This is intended to ensure that missed homework does not accumulate and that students have the opportunity to complete the work required to support their learning and progress; so gaps do not appear in their knowledge and skills.

When Difficulties Arise

We recognise that, on occasion, there may be genuine circumstances that make it difficult for a student to complete their homework by the deadline. If this is the case, we ask that parents/carers contact the teacher who set the work as soon as possible via email (or via the school office email), and ideally before the homework deadline, to explain the circumstances. Where appropriate, we will work with students and parents/carers to provide reasonable support or agree an alternative deadline. However, we would ask that communication is made in advance wherever possible, rather than after a deadline has been missed.

Kind Regards

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