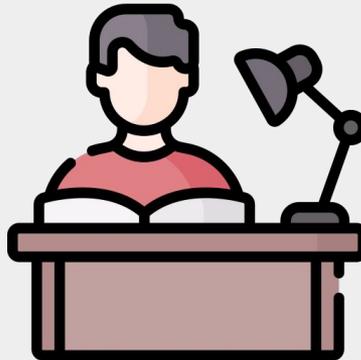


# Year 7 Homework at Westfield Academy

At Westfield Academy, homework is an important part of students' learning journey. It helps them to remember key knowledge, build good study habits, and feel confident in their subjects.

We know that moving from primary to secondary school can feel like a big step. That's why our homework system is designed to be **clear, structured and manageable** so students - and their parents/carers - know exactly what to expect each week.

At Westfield Academy, we want homework to help students feel confident, organised, and ready to succeed. It's a key part of how we help them to **believe** in themselves, **strive** to do their best, and **achieve** their goals. If they ever feel worried or unsure, they just need to speak to their teacher or Form Tutor – they're always there to help.



# What will homework look like?

<b>Task</b>	<b>Time Requirement</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Mastery of Knowledge - Revision using Mastery Sheets	30 minutes	Daily
Sparx Maths	60 minutes	Weekly - Set Friday, due Thursday
Reading	60 minutes	Weekly - Set Friday, due Thursday
Subject-specific tasks	30 minutes	Set by subject teachers, when appropriate

# Masters of Knowledge

Students are required to spend on average **30 minutes each day** revising key facts and knowledge from their *Year 7 Mastery Sheets* booklet. Students will be provided a paper version of this booklet at the start of every half-term. An electronic version will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom by their Form Tutors in case the paper version is lost/ damaged.



# Masters of Knowledge

The purpose of this homework is to help students remember important information for all their subjects which will base a solid foundation for their future studies.

Teachers will check what they've remembered through:

- Quick quizzes.
- Starter activities (called "Do Nows") in their lessons.
- A special *Mastery Recall Quiz* at the end of each half-term.



# How to Revise

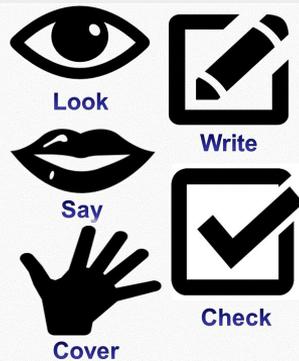
There are many ways students can revise. Here are two recommended revision strategies.

## 1. Flashcards

Write a question on one side of a piece of paper/card and the answer on the other. Students test themselves and flip the card to check if they're right. Repeat regularly until confident.

## 2. Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check

Students look at the fact or word, say it, cover it, write it from memory, then check if they were right. Repeat until it sticks.



# Adapted Booklet

WEEK 1					
ENGLISH - Myths and Legends		MATHS - Number		SCIENCE - Ecology	
Question	Answer	Question	Answer	Question	Answer
What is a myth?	A traditional story often involving gods or supernatural beings that explain natural events or cultural beliefs	What is place value?	Place value tells us the value of a digit based on its position in a number.	State the 5 kingdoms	Animals, plants, fungi, Protista and bacteria
What is a legend?	A story from the past that may be based on real people or events, but has been exaggerated over time.	What are the names of whole number place values to 1000?	ones/units (1), tens (10), hundreds (100), thousands (1,000)	What is a heterotroph/consumer?	An organism that needs to eat plants or other organisms to get its energy
What is the difference between a myth and a legend?	Myths often explain the origins of the world or nature and involve gods, while legends are rooted in history and focus on human heroes.	What are the names of decimal place values?	Tenths (0.1), hundredths (0.01), thousandths (0.001)	What is an autotroph/producer?	An organism that makes its own food to get its energy
What are the conventions of a myth?	Involves gods/supernatural beings, explains natural events, has a moral or message.	What is the difference between an integer and a decimal?	An integer is a whole number; a decimal includes a fractional part.	What is chlorophyll?	A green pigment used to perform photosynthesis
What are the conventions of a legend?	Based on real events or people, often heroic, passed down through generations, may include exaggeration.	What is the difference between ascending and descending order?	Ascending = smallest to largest. Descending = largest to smallest.	What is meant by the term eukaryotic?	A cell that has genetic information that is membrane bound

# End of Half-Term Quizzes

Students will be given an end-of-half-term quiz to check how much information they have retained. This **will not** contribute to their final subject grades but is a way for students to reflect on their progress.

## Grade Boundaries

Step 5 - 84%

Step 4 - 68%

Step 3 - 52%

Step 2 - 36%

Step 1 - 20%



# Sparx Maths

Maths homework will be set **every Friday** and is due by the following **Thursday**.

**Sparx Maths** is an online maths platform that gives students practice questions to help them improve. It learns from the way they answer, so it sets them personalised questions that match their level - making sure the work is just right for them to make progress.

If students are finding anything tricky, Sparx Maths has an **Independent Learning** section where they can revise topics they need more help with.

If students are struggling with anything to do with Sparx Maths, please speak with their Maths teacher in the first instance.



# Reading

Students are expected to spend at least **60 minutes each week reading independently**.

This year is the **first year we are using Accelerated Reader**, so it may take a little while to get everyone set up and settled. However, students will still be expected to complete their weekly reading.

We expect students to **track their reading in their planner** by writing the amount of time they spent reading and the page they got up to. For example, on Monday they may have read for 10 minutes and reached page 14 — so they would write this on Monday in their planner. Form Tutors will be checking student planners once a week to make sure they are logging their reading.

We will be using **Accelerated Reader**, which:

- Helps students to choose books at the right level.
- Checks students' understanding through fun quizzes on the books you've read.

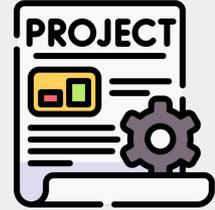
**Note:** Students read books from beginning to end and then complete an Accelerated Reader quiz before selecting a new book from the library or from home.



# Other Homework

Sometimes, teachers might set extra homework for their subjects, like:

- Creative projects.
- Research tasks.
- Flipped learning activities (preparing for future lessons).



If students are set extra homework:

- It will be clearly explained on **Google Classroom**.
- Students will be given enough time to complete it.

# Questions/ Concerns

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