



Dear Parent or Carer,

At Darton College we know that for great learning to happen, learners need to develop an independent approach to their learning; great learning happens when learning takes place both at school and at home. Home learning can take many forms: it can be a pre learning activity to enable learners to grasp key concepts before a lesson; it can be an opportunity for them to consolidate or review learning that has taken place in the classroom; it can be an investigation or an opportunity to be creative.

There are two main ways that you can find out what home learning your child has been set:

1. The planner. Your child should record the home learning and handing dates in their planner
2. The school website. Please look in the subject plans tab, then find the home learning by year and then by subject.

We have a 2 week homework timetable for KS3, to ensure that learners have a more balanced diet of homework from week to week. Please see details of this below.

<b>Week A</b>	English	History	Creative	ICT	RE is set once per half term Science set project based homework at the beginning of new units of work Performance do not set homework at KS3
<b>Week B</b>	Maths	Geography	MFL		

All KS4 homework will continue to be set weekly.

#### Rewards:

Learners will receive a merit for homework that is completed to an acceptable standard as judged by the teacher. They will receive 2 merits for homework that is outstanding. You can see some of our outstanding homework on the Homework section of the Darton College blog.

#### Consequences:

A 20 minute lunchtime subject detention will be issued if homework is not completed by the deadline. If homework is not completed by the extended deadline as given by the teacher, this will escalate to a half hour after school detention. Ultimately an hour after school detention will be issued if homework is still not completed.

Some homework will require the use of ICT either to access source materials or to complete the task.. School ICT facilities are available during Breakfast Club, lunchtime and after school.

### **KS3:**

English: learners will be given a takeaway home learning sheet where they can have a choice of task. These will be set one week and handed in the next for marking. Homework books, along with the next task will be returned to learners the following week.

Maths: Some homework will be set using mymaths, but learners may also get homework on worksheets, which will be colour coded to indicate that they are a homework sheet. These are set appropriate to the topic and level that your child needs. These will be set once every two weeks and must be completed by the following week. Teachers will then have one week to ensure that homework is checked and marked.

Science: All learners will complete 4 projects per year and they last around 6 weeks. Projects are designed to encourage learners to be creative, investigative and organised. Some projects have been collaborative. Towards the end of Year 9, learners will be given a research project based on a Controlled Assessment task. This will usually take around 4 weeks to complete

History: Homework will give learners an opportunity to practise GCSE skills; this could be extracting information from a source, looking at ideas in context or producing a piece of extended writing.

Geography: A variety of homework tasks will be set. This could include pre learning, written tasks, short projects or a takeaway style homework where learners can choose their own task

MFL: This homework is set weekly to ensure that learners regularly practise skills. However, at KS3, the homework should take around 20 minutes to complete. These might include learning vocabulary for a test, or completion of a small number of sentences.

RE: Learners will complete a piece of extended writing once per half term. This will help them revise key content and also to practise their literacy skills.

Creative: Learners will have homework linked to their creative subject. This will often include research or gathering of ideas or refining of work done in class.

Performance: Due to the practical nature of this subject. homework is not set at KS3

### **KS4:**

English: All learners will have weekly homework. This will either be English language OR English literature, depending in what is being studied in class at the time. Homework could be pre-reading, quick analysis, extended writing, coursework completion or exam practice, depending on the context of the lessons

Maths: Some homework will be set on mymaths, but we may also use homework booklets with questions on topics that have been targeted. GCSE past papers may also be given from time to time.

Science: learners will have booklets and will complete a longer 25 mark question weekly. These will be marked in class. Periodically, exam papers will also be issued.

History: Longer exam questions are set every two weeks. Shorter online tasks will be set in the interim weeks. Learners will be given a homework booklet in which to complete homework tasks.

Geography: Homework will be linked to the practise of GCSE skills. This will include past paper questions, online tasks and extended writing.

MFL: Tasks will be similar to KS3 but will be longer and more demanding, GCSE past paper practise will also form part of the MFL homework diet

RE: Learners will be given a homework booklet which will specify what tasks they need to complete.

Creative: Learners will be expected to work on their GCSE portfolios as well as revise for exams. It may be that learners need to do this in school at lunchtime or after school.

Performance: Learners will be set work that enables them to revise for their GCSE paper for their performance subject or extends and enhances their knowledge of the practical element to the subject.