

## Home Learning

### Why?

At Stanchester Academy, our Home Learning policy underpins our vision of 'Ambitious learners who are knowledgeable and literate.' The value of home learning in supporting academic progress is well evidenced; the Education Endowment Foundation has found that with the regular commitment to home learning, students can make up to 8 months of additional progress. In addition, through the completion of home learning tasks, students will learn how to revise effectively, and will develop the habits of commitment, hard-work and critical reflection.

### What will be set?

At Stanchester Academy, we want students to really remember the knowledge they have learned. Therefore, the home learning we set will be centred around learning from students' Knowledge Organisers. The exact knowledge to be learned will be explained in class and students will note the task in planners. It will also be set as an Assignment in Microsoft Teams. In subjects where home learning is set weekly (Ebacc subjects at Key Stage 3 and all subjects for Key Stage 4), there may be additional or alternative tasks set, such as Hegarty Maths or exam practice questions.

### Self-Quizzing

To revise the key knowledge, students must **self-quiz** in their practice books, as explained below:

- Write the subject and HL/Home Learning on the top left as a title, and the date on the right. Underline these.
- Look at the key knowledge you are learning. Read it aloud.
- Write the numbers of the knowledge chunks into the margin of your practice book
- Cover the Knowledge Organiser. Write out as much as you can remember
- Uncover the Knowledge Organiser. Check your work by ticking each correctly spelt word. Any missing or incorrect words must be corrected in a green pen.
- Do NOT copy the information – this will not help you learn it.
- Complete one page (KS3) or two pages (KS4) of self-quizzing per homework, as formatted below:

Spanish Home Learning

1. Cuando era más joven siempre pensaba que - When I was younger I always used to think that

2. Quería ser pelirrojo - I wanted to be a redhead

3. Sin embargo ahora he decidido que - However now I have decided that

4. No me interesa tanto - I'm not interested ~~so~~ as much

5. Quisiera hacerme médico - I would like to become a doctor because they are always needed

6. Porque siempre hacen falta -

7. Y sería un trabajo gratificante - Because it would be a rewarding job

Numbers (from KO) written at the side

Every word has been checked with a tick

Any words not exactly matching the Knowledge Organiser definition have been

We have also produced this short video, which demonstrates the process: [https://youtu.be/Sp7-VQTN\\_Ok](https://youtu.be/Sp7-VQTN_Ok)

## Home Learning Timetables

The following suggests the days on which students should **complete** their home learning. Subject teachers will set a due date, and will check home learning on the day it is due. Form Tutors will also check practice books once a week.

### **Key Stage 3**

30 mins per subject per night (1 hour per night total)

<b><u>KS3</u></b> (Y7-9)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Week A</u></b>	English Art	Maths DT	Science Geography	Spanish BDS	History Reading*
<b><u>Week B</u></b>	English Drama	Maths RE	Science Geography	Spanish Music	History Reading*

### **Key Stage 4**

45 minutes per subject per night (1 hour 30 mins per night total)

<b><u>KS4</u></b> (GCSE)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	English Option A	Maths	Option B	Science	Option C

Teachers will give students the opportunity to receive feedback on their progress through peer- or self-marked low-stakes knowledge quizzes at the end of each week (KS4) or every 4 lessons (KS3).

### **Support**

To support students with home-learning, we will run home-learning support in the Learning Centre every day before school, from 08.00-08.2. Students will have access to computers and a teacher will be on hand to help with self-quizzing.

### **Non-Completion**

Home learning is an essential part of our carefully planned curriculum and is necessary for developing subject-knowledge mastery. We want excellent outcomes for every single Stanchester student, so that they can be successful at university or in their chosen career path. This is why we will insist on home learning being completed by every student to a high standard. If homework is not completed by the due date, or not completed to a satisfactory standard:

- The teacher will log the home learning as not complete in the mark book and give the student an extension.
- If a student does not hand the work in after an extension, the student will attend an after-school detention, where they will complete the missing work, so that they do not fall behind. These detentions run from 3-4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will be communicated home by a phone-call from the class teacher with at least one day's notice.
- If a student does not complete home learning to a satisfactory standard on two occasions within a half term, this will also result in an after-school detention, as above.

### **Reading Comprehension (KS3)**

Reading Comprehension Students will be provided with a Reading Comprehension booklet to accompany their Drop and Read set text. The aim of this task will be to enrich their contextual understanding of the novel as well as reinforcing the language acquisition opportunities of the text.