

# HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well during these uncertain times.

I want to update you regarding Holbrook Academy's homework and home learning procedures; hopefully, this letter will clarify our expectations and enable you to become fully engaged with your child's learning when at home.

Homework and home learning tasks will now be set using a combination of Go4Schools and Google Classroom; these are important teaching and learning tools which allow maximum engagement between teachers and the students we teach, as well parents and carers.

Please ensure that you and your child download the G4S app as soon as possible; this will allow you to monitor the homework that has been set; check deadlines; see positive and negative behaviour events; check attendance and monitor your child's progress.

Parents can log in to the app using their usual passwords, whilst students will need to set up a new account using their Holbrook Academy email addresses. The procedure is very simple and straight forward but do contact us if you have any queries.

The following timetables have been created to help students plan and organise their homework into manageable 'chunks'.

Year 7 & 8: <http://holbrookacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Home-Learning-Time-Table-Year-7-and-8.pdf>

Year 9: <http://holbrookacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Home-Learning-Time-Table-Year-9.pdf>

The amount of time allocated for homework will vary according to each subject, but as a rough guide, each subject will expect students to be working on their home learning tasks each week for following amounts of time:

- KS3 (Year 7/8): 30 minutes per subject, per week
- KS3 (Year 9): 45 minutes per subject, per week
- KS4 : 60 minutes per subject, per week + additional revision at school and at home

**Rewards:** Students who consistently complete homework to the best of their ability will be rewarded for their efforts through the school's plus point system, allowing them the opportunity to be recognised for their efforts through the 'celebration' events at the end of each half-term.

- +1 Gold Star: Homework that is complete and handed in on time
- +2 Top Supporter: Homework that demonstrates outstanding effort and understanding
- +3 Positive Learner: Homework that is used as an exemplar for others



**Sanctions:** It is an expectation that all students at Holbrook engage fully with their learning and this includes completing homework to the best of their ability and working to a deadline to ensure that it is submitted on time. However, we understand that sometimes things do not always go to plan and homework can be left on the bedroom floor or the bus. Therefore, the following will apply when a student fails to submit their homework on time:

- 24 hour 'period of grace' for students to submit their homework
- If not submitted within 24 hours, negative points will be recorded on G4S (-1 General Wrongdoing)
- If a total of 48 hours have passed without the homework being submitted and/or a valid reason has not been given, students will be given a lunchtime detention, supervised by a member of SLT or the behaviour team

I do hope that this clarifies our homework policy but please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions or queries.

Yours sincerley,

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