

DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION OF NORMAL HOMEWORK	FREQUENCY	APPROXIMATE TIME REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION
Business Studies	S2 Written tasks Business research IT/Computer based task Business planning task	One piece of homework per unit	Variable depending on the task(s)
Computing Studies	S1/S2 Written tasks IT/Computer based task(s) Problem solving/Planning task	One piece of homework per unit	Variable depending on the task(s)
Craft & Design	Graphic Work/Design Work.	10 Per Year	10-20 minutes
English	Written tasks, research on assignments, extension to classwork as and when appropriate.	Weekly	15-30 minutes
	Individual Reading.	Weekly	1 hour
Expressive Arts	Observation, listening, research, investigation, preparation for a practical presentation	Homework set on an occasional basis	Variable
Geography	Written assignments, completion of classwork, revision, project work, information gathering and processing.	S2 - When appropriate	Varies depending on task
	At S1 pupils have one homework booklet to complete over approximately four weeks per each unit of work.	S1 tasks each week	Varies depending on task
History/Modern Studies	1) Revising for tests. 2) Personal reading at home to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) extend knowledge of classwork or ii) to find out about aspects of history which pupils are interested in personally. 3) Re-writing pieces of classwork or using PC to "word process" them. 3) In S1 and S2, all pupils research and present a personal investigation. There is a lot of scope for work at home during these pieces of work. NB S1 – Castles investigation. S2 – World war two investigation.	When appropriate	Varies perhaps 10-15 minutes but longer during investigations.

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Home Economics	S1: Topic 1–Project (2 weeks) Topic 2–Fortnightly tasks Fabric–1 Task Revision for tests. S2: Term 1 – fortnightly tasks. Term 2/3 – two/three tasks.	Fortnightly	15 -20 minutes
Mathematics	Revision Exercise. Completion of class exercises.	Weekly As appropriate to level Variable	20-30 minutes Up to 1 hour per week Additional revision for tests.
Modern Languages	Regular revision of vocabulary or grammar taught in class and/or written tasks required by coursework and assessment.	Weekly	30 minutes
Music	If taking individual lessons – practising instrument as recommended by instructor.	Weekly	Roughly 30 minutes
Religious Education	Written exercise, worksheets, investigation.	Occasionally when appropriate	20-30 minutes
Science S1	Assignments using Studywiz	Weekly	15-30 minutes
S2 Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Problem Solving	Assignments using Studywiz	Every two weeks	30 minutes

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Administration	S3/4 Review of course notes, written tasks. Learning new words/definitions Preparing mind maps for revision Unit assessment preparation (S3) IT based tasks to improve skills and knowledge of software Written tasks Exam questions and preparation for prelim and final exam (S4)	Weekly	Variable depending on the task(s)	Pupils will be issued with course notes for each topic area. All pupils should be completing any unfinished classwork tasks, studying course notes, and working through past exam papers at home throughout S3/S4.
Art and Design	Homework is given to re-enforce the learning of practical concepts taught in the areas of design and expressive. Revision of work of renowned artists.	As required by classwork	1½ hours	Revision for Art and Design Studies
Biology	Problem solving, surveys, written work. Revision for assessments.	Weekly	20-30 minutes	Revision programme with written homework including exam questions in S4.
Business Management	S3 Review of course notes Business Related internet research Question/answer tasks Learning new words/definitions Preparing mind maps for revision Reading or listening to Business News Preparation for unit assessments (S3) Exam questions and preparation for prelim and final exam (S4)	Weekly	Variable depending on the task(s)	Pupils will be issued with course notes for each topic area. All pupils should be completing any unfinished classwork tasks, studying course notes, and working through past exam papers at home throughout S3/S4.

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Geography	Written tasks, completion of classwork, project work, collecting evidence, question practice, processing information, exam preparation.	When appropriate	Varies depending upon task	Most homework involves revision for unit tests and prelims. Pupils should revise regularly.
Graphic Communication	Completion of classwork, investigations, preparation.	Weekly	10-20 minutes	
History	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Finishing work not completed in class. 2) Revision for tests, prelims and final exams. 3) Reading over classwork, notes etc to consolidate learning. 4) Periodically (depending on the progress of the class) pupils have written work (eg questions, short essays, reports etc) to complete at home. 5) Personal reading to extend knowledge and deepen understanding of topics studied (a very good revision book is available for purchase). 	When appropriate to progress of class/individual	20-30 minutes	
Home Economics Standard Grade	Written exercises based on classwork. Revision for end of unit tests.	S4 Weekly/Fortnightly S3 Fortnightly/Monthly	20-30 minutes	
Mathematics	Revision Exercise. Completion of class exercises and algebra skills practice. (Credit/General)	Weekly As appropriate to level Daily	30-45 minutes Up to 1½ hours per week	Additional revision for tests.
Media Studies	Learning vocabulary and key terminology research for projects and units.	As course demands	30 minutes – 1 hour	

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Modern Studies	1) Finishing work not completed in class. 2) Revision for tests, prelims and final exams. 4) Reading over classwork, notes etc to consolidate learning. 5) Periodically (depending on the progress of the class) pupils have written work (eg questions, short essays, reports etc) to complete at home. 6) Personal reading to extend knowledge and deepen understanding of topics studied (a very good revision book is available for purchase) and keeping up to date with current news developments. This will also involve regular structured homework reporting on events in the world.	When appropriate to progress of class/individual	20-30 minutes	
Music	Revision of listening concepts and practising chosen instruments.	Weekly	1 hour	
Physical Education	Workbooks completed linked to classwork topics. CD evaluation throughout the year.	During S4 dependent on level being studied.	Variable depending on the stage of the course (prelims etc)	Examination based questions completed in class.
Physics	Assignments using Studywiz	Weekly	30 minutes - 1 hour	
Religious Education	Written exercise.	As required by classwork	30 minutes	
Science	Revision for end of unit tests. Problem solving practice questions.	As required by classwork	Variable	Past examination paper questions before Scottish Qualifications Authority examinations.

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Administration	<p>Intermediate 1 Review of course notes Exam questions – written work IT based tasks</p> <p>Intermediate 2/Higher Grade Review of course notes Preparing summary notes/mind maps for revision Exam questions and tasks based on improving exam technique for theory paper IT based tasks to improve skills and prepare for assessments</p>	Weekly	1-1½ hours	Completing unfinished work and revision of course materials at home on a weekly basis is expected by all students.
Art and Design	Study of work of 6 renowned artists. Essay practice. Collation of materials for investigation.	Weekly	2 hours	Students are expected to cultivate an ethos of self motivation.
Biology	Background reading and research, revision of knowledge and understanding, practice with data handling, essay writing, and multiple choice questions. Examination questions completed.	Weekly	1½-2 hours	Students are expected to revise for end of unit tests and internal assessments.
Business Management	<p>Higher/Intermediate 2</p> <p>Review of course notes Reading/listening to Business News Business Research – internet, newspapers, industry Business Planning tasks Exam questions and tasks based on improving exam technique</p>	Weekly	1-2 hours	Completing unfinished work and revision of course materials at home on a weekly basis is expected by all students. Useful website addresses for Business Research will be issued to pupils throughout the course.

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Chemistry	Consolidation of classwork. Revision for end of unit tests.	Weekly	1½ hours	Students are expected to revise for end of unit tests and internal assessments.
Computing Studies	<p>Higher/Intermediate 2 Answering exam questions Studying course notes Preparing summary revision notes, memory maps, PowerPoint revision slides Tasks to improve exam technique</p> <p>IT based tasks – Multimedia and Software Development *</p>	Weekly	1-2 hours	<p>Completing unfinished work and revision of course materials at home on a weekly basis is expected by all students.</p> <p>* Department resources can be used at lunchtimes if pupils need to access specific software packages to complete work or wish to do further work to improve their skills/knowledge of software applications.</p>
Craft & Design	Design project work. Revision of knowledge and understanding. Reading supplementary notes.	Weekly	10-20 minutes	
Drama	<p>Higher and Advanced Higher Learning lines, acting, reading texts, characterisation work, essays.</p> <p>Int 1/2 Theatrical reviews, written evaluation of practical work, learning lines.</p>	<p>Weekly</p> <p>As course demands</p>	<p>2 hours</p> <p>30 minutes-1 hour</p>	<p>Essays starting in November, concentrating first on set text then on CST.</p> <p>Exam revision 2 hours per week – spring term.</p>

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English Higher and Intermediate 2	Written assignments, literature work, interpretation, re-drafting, reading, revision.	Weekly	2 + hours Higher 1-2 hours Intermediate 2	
English Intermediate 1	Completion of classwork, note taking, written assignments, reading, revision.	Weekly	1 hour	
Advanced Higher	Reading, note-taking, written assignments, research, revision, textual analysis, literature assignments.	Weekly	3 + hours	
French/Italian	Written assignments:- essays, reading comprehension, translation, listening practice, grammar drills and vocabulary building as required by course.	Weekly	1 – 2 hours	Speaking accounts for 25% of the final grade. All pupils are required to pass three NABs:- in listening, in reading and in writing.
Geography	Completion of classwork. Written assignments, revision for assessments, project work, collecting evidence, essays. Exam style questions.	Weekly/fortnightly	1 hour plus revision	Most homework involves revision for unit tests and prelims. Pupils should revise regularly.
History/Modern Studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Finishing work not completed in class. 2) Revision for tests, prelims and final exams. 3) Reading over classwork, notes etc to consolidate learning. 4) Periodically (depending on the progress of the class) pupils have written work (eg questions, short essays, reports etc) to complete at home. 5) Personal reading to extend knowledge and deepen understanding of topics studied (a very good revision book is available for purchase). 	When appropriate to progress of class/individual		<p>Students following a higher course should expect to devote at least two hours a week to homework.</p> <p>Students following an Advanced higher course should devote longer.</p>

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Home Economics Higher Health & Food Technology/ Fashion & Textiles	Investigation, case study, essay work, completion of classwork, exam questions.	Weekly	1 hour	
Home Economics Int 2 Hospitality	Revision for NABS occasional tasks relating to coursework	As required by classwork	15 minutes	
Mathematics	Revision Exercise. Completion of class exercises.	Weekly As appropriate to level Daily	1 hour 2 hours per week	Quantity depends on course being studied. Additional revision for tests.
Media Studies	Folio work, essays, research, reading texts.	Weekly	2 hours	
Modern Studies	Essay work.	Fortnightly	3 hours	Students must read background material and reinforce classwork.
Music	Listening concepts, practising and composition work.	Weekly	2-3 hours	
Physical Education	Course based questions. Revision for unit assessments. CD coursework throughout the year.	Weekly	1 hour	Quantity and quality expected. Will increase depending on the level of course studied.
Physics	Assignments using Studywiz	Weekly	1½ - 2 hours	
Religious Studies	Reading, note-taking, essays, research.	Weekly	2 - 3 hours	



S1/2HWork.08/09

16 October 2008

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HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

As part of our strategy to raise levels of achievement at all levels in the school, we are providing parents with guidelines on homework for each year group.

These guidelines give a summary of the homework expected by each subject department in first and second year.

The main reasons for giving homework are to reinforce classwork and to help pupils develop study skills, which will lead to success not only in the early years but also in the senior school. Homework also actively involves you in the education of your child and provides an excellent opportunity to link home and school.

The amount and type of homework varies as a pupil moves through school and we will ensure that you are informed of these changing demands as your son/daughter progresses through each stage of his/her secondary education. All pupils have been provided with an attractive diary planner to assist them in organising their homework.

There are a number of ways you can help your child with homework. Pupils will benefit if they have a peaceful environment free from television noise. It is also important for you to ask what is to be done each evening and to make sure a reasonable time is spent on the completion of the homework. Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that showing interest and offering praise and encouragement are essential in motivating our young people.

I hope you find the guidelines informative and helpful. If you have any problems or questions about homework, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate Year Head.

Yours sincerely

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S3/4HWork.08/09

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As part of our strategy to raise levels of achievement at all levels in the school, we are providing parents with guidelines on homework for each year group.

Your son/daughter has now reached the stage in his/her education where he/she is preparing for SQA examinations. Each subject to be taken demands a certain amount of homework.

The enclosed guidelines give a summary of the homework expected by each subject department in third and fourth year.

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S5/6HWork.08/09

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As part of our strategy to raise levels of achievement at all levels in the school, we are providing parents with guidelines on homework for each year group.

Your son/daughter has now reached the stage in his/her education where he/she is preparing for Higher, Intermediate and Advanced Higher examinations.

The enclosed guidelines give a summary of the homework expected by each subject department in fifth and sixth year. Experience shows that a student who studies regularly and effectively at home is much more likely to be successful in achieving good quality passes valued by employers and necessary for entry to college or university. All students have been provided with a diary planner to assist them in organising their home study.

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