

What?

- In Year 7 – 9, students follow a two-week timetable of homework.
- Each evening, students complete around 15 mins for each subject on the timetable.
- Students use their knowledge organiser booklet for the term, their orange homework books and their homework question booklet.
- In addition, students should be reading for pleasure every night, and recording this weekly in the reading log found in the homework book.
- Completion of homework will be checked by tutors every morning.

Why?

The current KS3 homework policy is based around some well discussed principles of repetition, interleaving and the idea of deliberate practice.

Students at Bristol Metropolitan Academy need to develop skills over time, and not just at GCSE, around time management, resilience, self-regulation and determination. Our policy looks to build on these independent study skills right from the start of Year 7.

Knowledge is the key to unlocking potential and allowing students to apply the knowledge in each and every subject. We want every student to be successful and feel that homework plays a vital role in the process.

How



- For DT, English, History, RS and Geography – you will have a set of questions to answer in your homework books. You should divide your page in half from top to bottom, copy the question out on the left hand side of the page, and write your answer on the right.
- For MFL, you will have a set of 10 words/phrases in a vocab list. You should use the the look, cover, say, write, check method and copy out each of the 10 words 4 times.
- Maths homework is set weekly on MathsWatch, and you have one week to complete the tasks set.
- Science homework is set weekly by your class teacher.
- Art and music will set a different project every term
- How to lay your work out is found in the presentation guidance on the next page.
- If you need further help or support – there are homework hubs for each year group running afterschool.

Alongside this homework policy is a graduated response system for missing homeworks. This culminates in students having to attend a compulsory P7 from 3:05-3:30pm which is added to their timetables for the whole of the next school term. This arises if a student misses 7 or more homeworks over the course of a term.

To try and identify any barriers, or extra support we can provide the students on this layer, they will be having a talk with their year group leads over the course of the term.

Homework plays a vital role in the students' journey through school and can help them to develop confidence and self-discipline to work on their own; as well as develop, consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding of what has been taught in class.

If students ever require any support with homework; the academy offers the following:

- Support from the tutor
- Support from the subject teacher
- Digital copies of the knowledge organisers on the school website
- Homework hub running in the library from 3pm

KS3 Homework Support – Presenting your homework

Subject written on the left-hand side of the page and underlined.
For example: Food

Topic written on the centre of the page and underlined.
For example: Sugars

One single straight line between both pieces of homework.

Subject: Food Tuesday 25th June 2019

Topic: Sugars

Keyword	Definition
Monosaccharides	
Disaccharides	
Intrinsic sugars	
Polysaccharides	

Subject: English

Topic: Macbeth

1. Who are the four most important characters in Macbeth?
Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Banquo and Macduff.
2. What are three character traits of Banquo?
Gullible, superstitious and ambitious.
3. How would you describe Lady Macbeth?
She is manipulative, cold-blooded and cruel.
4. How is Lady Macbeth two-faced?
She is warm and welcoming to Duncan, and then manipulates her husband to kill him.
5. What is the name of Banquo's son?
Fleance

Date written fully on the right hand side of the page and underlined – this should be the day you complete the homework.

KS3 Homework Support – What and when?

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	ICT/DT	English	Science	History	RS
B	MFL	English	Science	Geography	Music/Art

The idea of the homework policy is that you complete a little homework every night of the week. You follow the timetable above, even if you haven't had that subject on the day.

Your tutor will check each day to see that you have completed your homework.

KS3 Homework Support – Scaffolding and Sentence Starters

Subject: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____

In my lesson(s) this week, these are the key words I have learnt and their meanings are:

Key word	Meaning

We learnt about _____

This links to our previous learning because _____

KS3 Homework Support – Scaffolding and Sentence Starters

Subject: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____

Q1.	Ans.
Q2.	Ans.
Q3.	Ans.
Q4.	Ans.
Q5.	Ans.

Once you have generated your questions, why not get someone at home to test you on the answers? How many can you get right first time? How about your friends – do they know all the answers?

You could provide multiple choice answers here. Give the correct one and two that are wrong.

KS3 Homework Support – Scaffolding and Sentence Starters

Subject: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____

Keyword	Cover the 1 st column and try to spell it again here	Definition

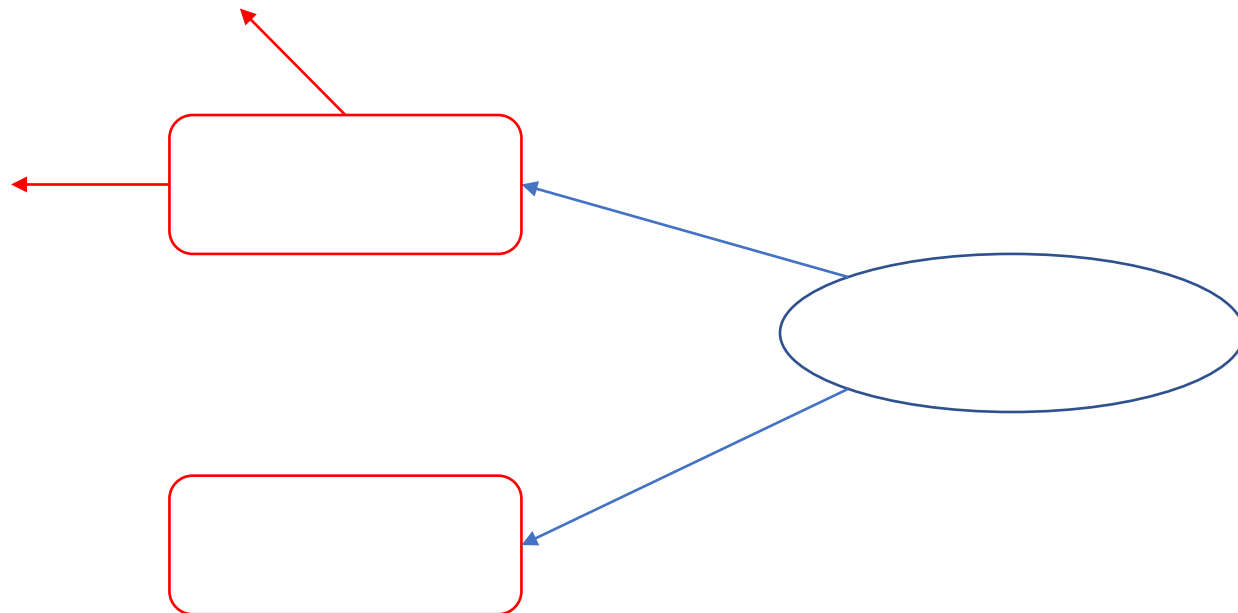
In the space below, try to use the key words above, in full sentences about the topics:

KS3 Homework Support – Scaffolding and Sentence Starters

Subject: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____



Pick the key information for the topic and display, maybe in a spider diagram. This is great for finding links between knowledge. Can you find any links between different 'legs' of the spider?

Who checks my child's homework?

Homework is checked daily by tutors. This is a simple check that the work has been completed.

How long should the homework take?

This depends on the number of subjects for an evening and which activity your child chooses to complete. It should be around 15/20 minutes per subject.

How can I support my child with their homework?

Students have their knowledge organisers and should be using this for their homework. You can help support your child by making sure that they have their homework books, planners and knowledge organisers with them everyday when they come to school. You could also be quizzing them on the knowledge and content.

Why do we use Knowledge Organisers for homework?

Knowledge organisers are useful tools in learning. Providing an oversight of fundamental knowledge needed to succeed within a topic within a subject. They allow students to pre-learn and revisit information needed to competently work within a subject.

This style of homework looks to embed some key independent study skills right from the start of the students time at BMA. It helps to develop resilience and self-regulation, as well as practising the study skills they will need later on in their school careers.

Is there anything else my child could be doing?

We encourage students to be reading for pleasure for 20 minutes a day. They should record this in their homework books in the reading log at the front. This should be weekly.

What support is available for my child to complete their homework?

There is a homework hub available for each year group after school which is lead by a LSA. Here students can be guided through the process. Tutors can also provide support.

What is the reward & sanction system in place for homework?

Homework completion is tracked centrally every week. At the end of the term, 'Homework Heroes' are awarded for those with 100% competition, as well as a draw from these students for a small prize. For non-competition, we have a graduated response which ends in a student having a compulsory 30 minutes after school detention for the entire next term, if they miss 7 or more homeworks in a single term.