

BMA KS3 Homework Policy 2021-22'

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, to complete self-quizzing homework in their orange homework books.
- 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.

How?

- The four suggested activities to complete are: lesson summaries / quiz questions / key word development and revision.
- Guidance on completing each of these can be found in the KO booklets, and templates are attached to this guide.
- 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.

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.

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?

| W/c | Homework Week | W/c | Homework Week |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 6th Sept '21 | B | 14th Feb '22 | B |
| 13th Sept '21 | A | 21st Feb '22 | HOLIDAYS |
| 20th Sept '21 | B | 28th Feb '22 | A |
| 27th Sept '21 | A | 7th Mar '22 | B |
| 4th Oct '21 | B | 14th Mar '22 | A |
| 11th Oct '21 | A | 21st Mar '22 | B |
| 18th Oct '21 | B | 28th Mar '22 | A |
| 25th Oct '21 | HOLIDAYS | 4th Apr '22 | B |
| 1st Nov '21 | A | 11th Apr '22 | HOLIDAYS |
| 8th Nov '21 | B | 25th Apr '22 | A |
| 15th Nov '21 | A | 2nd May '22 | B |
| 22nd Nov '21 | B | 9th May '22 | A |
| 29th Nov '21 | A | 16th May '22 | B |
| 6th Dec '21 | B | 23rd May '22 | A |
| 13th Dec '21 | A | 30th May '22 | HOLIDAYS |
| 20th Dec '21 | HOLIDAYS | 6th Jun '22 | B |
| 3rd Jan '22 | B | 13th Jun '22 | A |
| 10th Jan '22 | A | 20th Jun '22 | B |
| 17th Jan '22 | B | 27th Jun '22 | A |
| 24th Jan '22 | A | 4th Jul '22 | B |
| 31st Jan '22 | B | 11th Jul '22 | A |
| 7th Feb '22 | A | 18th Jul '22 | B |

| | Week A | Week B |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Monday | English/DT | Science/MFL |
| Tuesday | Maths/Drama | ICT/PE |
| Wednesday | Science | English |
| Thursday | RS/Music | Geography/Art |
| Friday | History | Maths |

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.

Pick an activity from the next few slides and use your KO booklet to help you do some self-practise/revision.

Your LF 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 |
|----------|---------|
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| | |

We learnt about _____

This links to our previous learning because _____

KS3 Homework Support – Scaffolding and Sentence Starters

Subject: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____

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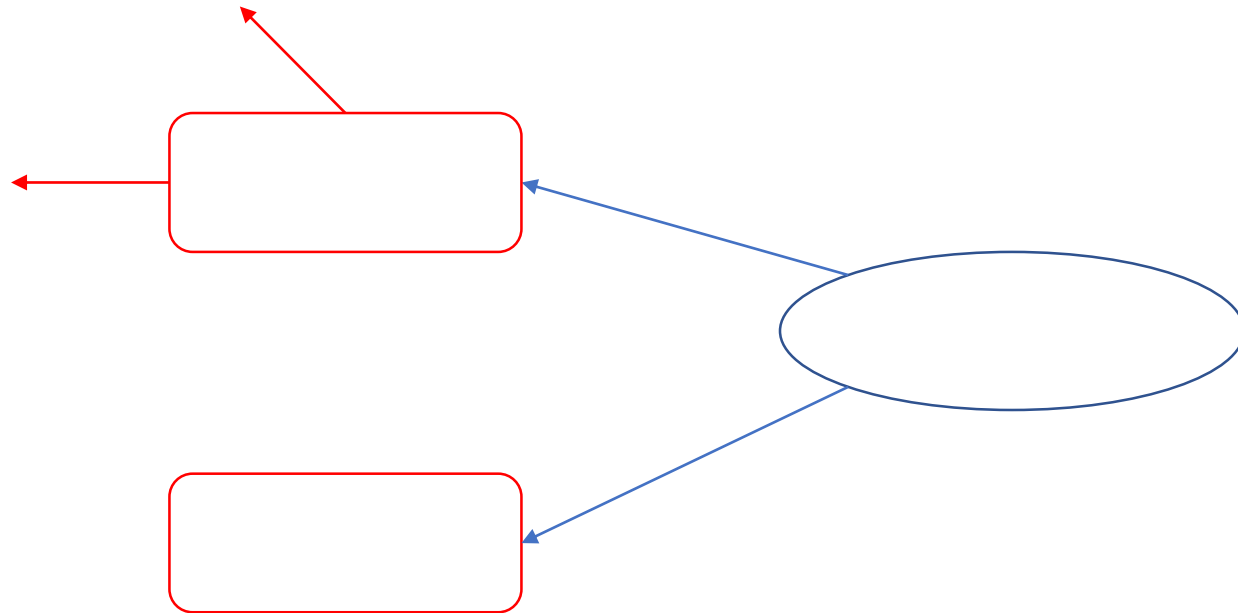
In the space below, try to use the key words above, in full sentences about the topics:

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?

Homework FAQs

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.