

Home Learning Expectations

Time-management, personal organisation and self-motivation are all important life skills that home learning requires and develops. Below are some guidelines to help you understand the expectations of home learning at Dawlish College.

KS3

All subjects will set a fortnightly home learning task based on the [Knowledge Organiser](#). Maths, English and science will set an additional weekly home learning task.

Each task should take around 30 minutes to complete and you are not expected to spend significantly more time on it than that.

KS4

As you would expect, the expectations gradually increase once you begin your GCSE courses.

Home learning tasks will be set at the frequency outlined below by teachers and will be made up of a combination of the following:

- [Knowledge Organiser](#) based tasks
- Exam papers and exam questions
- Revision for tests and assessments
- Worksheets
- Extended writing in response to a question
- Use of on-line tools

The significant difference at this stage of education is the expectation that you are completing both directed and independent home learning. The time expectations given below require a mixture of directed and independent study. For example, an English teacher may set you a directed task that takes 30 minutes and you are then expected to make up the remaining 30 minutes for that subject through independent study and revision.

In Year 9 all subjects will require a minimum of 60 minutes home learning per fortnight.

In Years 10 and 11 this expectation increases to a minimum of 120 minutes per fortnight for English, maths and science alongside a minimum of 60 minutes per fortnight for options and RS.

Ideas for Independent Home Learning

This is not an exhaustive list and subject teachers will always be happy to make further suggestions.

- Re-reading set texts for English Literature
- Using [GCSE Pod](#) to revise topics
- Using [revision guides](#) to revisit topics
- Using [Knowledge Organisers](#) to revisit learning
- Using subject specific materials, web sites and on-line tools to revisit topics