Home Learning Expectations

Home learning is essential in ensuring the best possible outcomes for young people. Our structured approach and use of adaptive technologies gives students every possible opportunity to maximise their learning and therefore their knowledge and understanding so that they can fulfil their potential.

Home learning will be set as per the schedule below. The most important things for parents to be aware of to support their child in completing their assignments are as follows:

- All home learning will be set on epraise. If you do not have an account and would like support in setting one up please contact sbanks@dawlish.devon.sch.uk

- The majority of tasks will be assignments set within an interactive platform called Seneca. Students will have set up their accounts in school using their college username and password so all they will need to do is click on the link in epraise and sign in with those details.

- Maths will be set using a different platform: Sparx.

- The main objective is to get the **highest score possible** so we absolutely expect students to complete each assignment more than once. Their teacher will be able to see their lowest score, highest score, average score, number of attempts and so on. **It is not about getting the task done but actually increasing their knowledge and understanding by completing it multiple times (each time it will be slightly different) filling the gaps in their knowledge and understanding as they go.**

- Home learning assignments will often be based on the topics taught previously. This will give all students an important opportunity to revisit that knowledge and build on what they learnt the first-time round. This is known as 'retrieval practice' and it is vital in establishing long term retention of knowledge and securing deeper understanding.

KS3

Subject	When	What/How	Time
English	Weekly (rotation over a fortnight)	Seneca Reading - Accelerated Reader	30 minutes 30-45 minutes
Maths	Weekly	Sparx	20-30 minutes
Science	Weekly	Seneca KOs Application questions	30 minutes
History	Fortnightly	Seneca	30 minutes
Geography	Fortnightly	Seneca	30 minutes
RS (Year 7 & 8 only)	Monthly	Research	30 minutes

		'Big Questions' KOs Google quizzes	
French/Spanish (Year 7 & 8 only)	Weekly (rotation over a fortnight)	Seneca Vocabulary/task	30 minutes
Music, drama, art, IT, D&T	When necessary	One-off tasks Longer-term projects	No more than 30 minutes per task

KS4

Subject	When	What/How	Time (min)
English	Weekly	Seneca GCSE Pod Exam style questions	60 minutes
Maths	Weekly	Sparx Exam style questions	45-60 minutes
Science	Weekly	Seneca GCSE Pod Ezyeducation Exam style questions	60 minutes
RS (Years 9-11)	Fortnightly	Seneca GCSE Pod Exam style questions	60 minutes
French/Spanish (Year 9-11)	Fortnightly Weekly	Seneca Vocabulary/task	45-60 minutes
Options	Weekly	Seneca GCSE Pod Exam style questions BTEC tasks Portfolio work	60 minutes each