



CROMPTON HOUSE
CofE SCHOOL

Home Learning

An introduction for
parents and guardians.

*"Students who engage with
high quality home learning
typically achieve +5 months of
additional progress."*

Educational Endowment Foundation, 2021

Introduction to Home Learning

Home learning refers to the whole educational process where students engage in learning activities outside the traditional classroom setting, typically at home. This is opposed to homework which are specific assignments set by teachers.

Using meaningful, well-designed homework assignments throughout the KS3 and KS4 journey, we aim to develop independence, autonomy and a love of learning in all our students.

As they progress into their GCSE exam year and KS5 the skills and self-discipline developed through structured homework will enable students to transition from teacher-managed activities, to independent home learning, facilitating their future educational and professional success.

By clearly outlining expectations and guidelines, we strive to foster a collaborative environment where students, teachers, and parents can work together to achieve excellence.

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Consistency

Ensuring all students have a cohesive and uniform learning experience.



Meaningful

Providing assignments that are relevant to learning objectives and support progress.



Quality

Maintaining high quality assignments and high quality student submissions.



Workload

Helping students manage school work and personal time to support their well-being.

Tracking Assignments

All home learning assignments are set, and submissions recorded, using class charts. As a parent or carer, you have access to a parent account and can use this to track homework assignments.

For more information on using class charts as a parent, [click here](#).

Managing Time and Workload

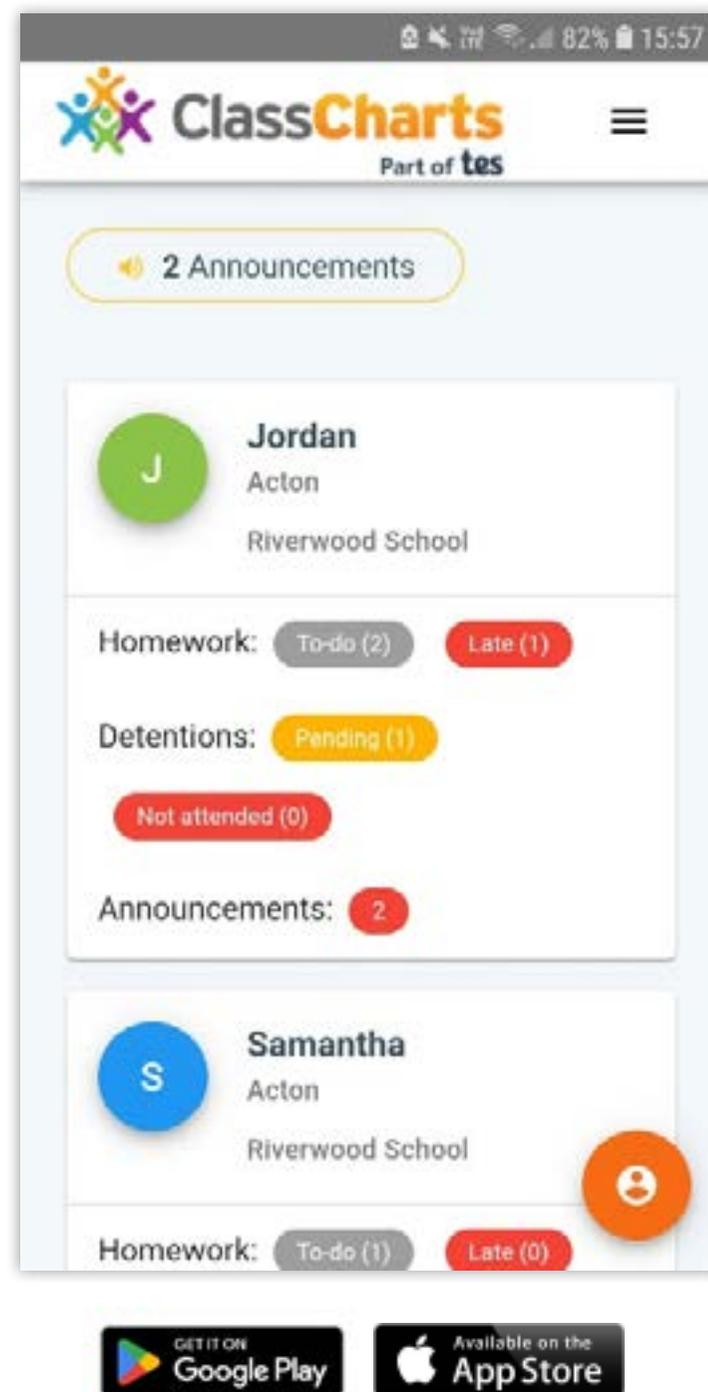
Research tells us that a homework timetable helps support students to manage their workload and develop organisation skills for later life.

We know there are a lot of demands on young peoples lives. At Crompton House we have carefully designed a home learning schedule for each key-stage to ensure students are not overwhelmed and to enable them to engage with extra-curricular activities.

Often as adults, we underestimate our organisational abilities, so we ask for your support in guiding your child in using the timetable.

Keeping it Meaningful

A vast amount of work goes into designing and implementing our home learning curriculum so it supports student growth. To find out more information of what's involved our detailed policy is available [here](#).



Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

At KS3, students transition from primary to secondary education, encountering more complex subjects and a greater emphasis on self-organisation. The Homework timetable and quantity in KS3 is designed to set clear expectations for home learning requirements, develop organisation skills and consolidate foundational subject knowledge so that students become confident, self-motivated learners, well-prepared for the challenges of Key Stage 4 and beyond.

Frequency and Duration

Subjects at KS3 will either set bi-weekly assignments with short durations, or a once-per-term more substantial assignment.

Bi-weekly Homework		Termly Homework	
KS3 Subject	Hours / fortnight	KS3 Subject	Hours / term
Maths	1	Art	1.5
English	1	Physical Education	1.5
Science	1	Computer Science	1.5
MFL	1	Food & Nutrition	1.5
Music	0.5	Design Technology	1.5
Religious Studies	0.5	Drama	1.5
History	0.5	PSHE	1.5
Geography	0.5		

Timetable

The following homework timetable indicates when homework will be set on Class Charts for each subject.

KS3	Red Week	Green Week
Monday	Science	Science
Tuesday	English	English
Wednesday	Maths	Maths
Thursday	MFL	MFL
Friday	History + Music	Geography + RS

Support tip!

Stick the schedule up at home and encourage your child to check they have completed the correct subject each day.

This will help develop your child's time management skills and avoid stressful Sundays.



Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

As students move into Key Stage 4, they will encounter increased challenges as they delve deeper into subject content and enhance their skills in preparation for the external GCSE examinations. Homework assignments will continue to reinforce subject knowledge whilst also focusing on developing essential exam skills. There will be a greater emphasis on fostering independent study habits to prepare students for the rigorous revision demands of their upcoming assessments.

Frequency and Duration

In KS4, all subjects will set bi-weekly or weekly assignments. The total time each KS4 student should spend on directed homework tasks each fortnight is 18 hours, or 1.5 hours a day.

We additionally encourage students to consider what independent home learning they should be undertaking to prepare for GCSEs.

KS4 Subject	Hours / fortnight
Maths	3
English	3
Combined Science	4
Separate Science	6
Religious Studies	2
Option Subjects	2

Timetable

The following homework timetable indicates when homework will be set on class charts for each subject.

KS4	Red Week	Green Week
Monday	Science + Option V	Science + Option V
Tuesday	English	English
Wednesday	Maths	Maths
Thursday	RS + Option W	RS + Option W
Friday	Option Y + Option X	Option Y + Option X

What about revision?

Many homework assignments in year 11 are designed to develop revision skills and habits. However we would recommend you support your child by creating an additional revision timetable similar to the homework timetable above.



Rewards

We strongly believe in cultivating an environment where there is mutual support, respect, and encouragement for all.

High-quality homework submissions are celebrated and students who have missed deadlines will be supported to ensure they can access assignments and understand the school expectations for home learning.

Celebrating Success



Students submitting homework on time and to a high standard will be awarded a homework positive, which contributes towards the wider school rewards process

On a half-termly basis, students who continually achieve excellence in homework by achieving no negatives will be rewarded an 'Excellence in Homework' certificate.

Sanctions

The continued failure to meet homework requirements will result in escalating sanctions.

For full details please visit our [Behaviour Policy](#).

- All missed homework are recorded on class charts.
- An initial missed homework will trigger a 'support event'. This is designed to ensure all students can access homework and understand what is required from them.
- If the student still fails to submit the assignment to a high standard, they will receive a homework detention.
- Missed homework detentions will be escalated in accordance with the behaviour policy.

Continuous Missed Deadlines

When students are regularly missing homework submissions, a staged system of additional sanctions will be applied.

Number Missed	Stage Action
3	Class Charts notification of Stage 1 to parents. Form tutor to follow up with a discussion with the student.
6	Headteachers detention.
9	Friday 5 pm detention
12	Meeting with Mr. Robinson / Mr Deane / Mr Raynerd and a day in reflection.



Accessibility

Crompton House employs various strategies to ensure the accessibility of homework for all students, addressing diverse needs and potential barriers.

These strategies include:

- Digital Platforms and Resources
- Differentiated Instruction
- Flexible Deadlines
- Homework Clubs and After-School Programs
- Access to IT
- Regular communication with parents and guardians
- Student Information Assemblies / Parent Information Evenings
- Regular Check-ins
- Surveys and Feedback

If you feel like your son or daughter is struggling with the requirements of homework please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team.

Student Screen Time

While digital platforms offer numerous benefits for homework, excessive screen time can pose challenges. At Crompton House we are committed to supporting parents with this by the following: diversify learning activities, focusing on quality over quantity, promoting physical activity within home learning, and supporting parents in setting clear limits.



Tips to Support Your Child's Home Learning

Students are more successful in school when parents take an active interest in their home learning. However, helping with homework tasks doesn't mean spending hours hunched over a desk. As parents and carers, you can support your children by demonstrating study skills, explaining tricky problems, or simply encouraging breaks.



Create a Homework-Friendly Area

Ensure your child has a well-lit, quiet place to complete homework. Keep supplies such as paper, pens, and a scientific calculator.

Minimize Distractions

Ensure there's no TV, loud music, or phone calls during study time. However, an occasional call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.

Establish a Regular Study Time

Some students work best in the afternoon, after a snack and some playtime; others may prefer to wait until after dinner. Maintaining a consistent schedule will help maintain good habits.

Know the School Policy and Expectations

Attend parents' evenings and parent information evenings to meet your child's teachers. Check the homework policy which is available online and ask how you should be involved.

Help Them Make a Plan

Crompton House provide a homework schedule so you know what subjects should be setting homework on what nights. Help your child by displaying this schedule and reward them for keeping to it.

Encourage Independence

Students need to think for themselves and make their own mistakes to learn effectively. Parents can offer suggestions and help with directions, but it's crucial that children do the actual work.

Be a Motivator and Monitor

Check what assignments are due on Class Charts. Provide encouragement, check completed homework, and be available for questions and concerns.

Set a Good Example

Show your kids that you value learning and hard work by completing personal tasks or reading a book in front of them. Children are more likely to emulate your actions than follow your advice.

Praise Their Efforts and Achievements

Display an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Share academic successes with relatives to show that you are proud of their hard work.

Seek Help for Ongoing Issues

If your child continues to struggle with homework, discuss it with their teacher.



Key Home Learning Platforms

All homework assignments are set, communicated to students and completion tracked using Class Charts.



You will be provided with details to create a parent account when you join Crompton House.

Students will be provided with a Class Charts ID to login. This can also be found on their uniform cards.

Parent and Student Apps

Class Charts can be accessed using any internet browser. In addition, there are specific parent and student apps available on Google Play and the App Store.



Seneca Learning

Seneca is an online platform can be thought of as an effective & engaging interactive learning and revision guide that Crompton House subscribe to support our students with Home Learning.

Many of your child's Homework assignments will be completed on Seneca. <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>



Apps available on Google Play and the App Store.

Sparx Maths

Sparx supports students aged 11-16 with personalised, challenging and attainable homework.

Your child's Maths Homework assignments will be completed on Sparx. <https://sparxmaths.com/>

