

## SOUTHCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

### The importance of homework to support learning

At Southchurch High School, we recognise that homework is an essential part of school life. It helps students to become more confident and **knowledgeable** learners. This is evidenced in research which shows that homework has a positive impact, helping students to make progress of more than +5 months. Homework is even more valuable when it relates to learning that has taken place during school time. Therefore, students at Southchurch High School must be offered the opportunity to complete high quality homework.

### Using Carousel Learning at Southchurch High School

Carousel Learning is an online quizzing platform that is used throughout the school to set homework. The teacher designs a question bank that links to the most powerful knowledge or skills students have learned and developed in their course of study. The students then answer questions which promotes the long-term retention of this information.

Carousel incorporates the most effective revision techniques; retrieval practice, spacing and interleaving. Retrieval practice, or the testing effect, is any activity that forces students to generate an answer to a question based off information they have previously learned. Research shows that this boosts students' confidence and memory, especially during stressful situations such as exams. Carousel does this as it allows the students the chance to revise before taking a quiz on topics, they have learned in the classroom.

Spacing means spreading the revision practice over a long period of time, rather than 'cramming' it all in during a study session. Interleaving involves alternating between topics during one revision session. Carousel enables students to practice both spacing and interleaving which helps embed learning in long term memory.

### Programme of study Years 7 to 9

Students in Year 7-9 will be set weekly homework quizzes. Students should expect for their teachers to set homework that could take up to an hour to complete. Teachers should aim to set their homework on the day's outlined in the table below. This is to make it easier for students to track and complete their homework. This means that students should expect up to 7 days to submit their quiz. For example, if a student is set homework for Science on a Tuesday, the teacher will expect to see the student's submission by the Monday evening.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Maths; homework will continue to be set on Sparx.	Science	English	History Geography	French

### Programme of study Years 10-11

Teachers should aim to set homework for Years 10 and 11 that is linked to their GCSE course of study. Homework will be set at the teacher's discretion in line with the demands of their GCSE course. This could include:

- Completing a homework quiz on Carousel Learning
- Essay writing with varying degrees of challenge
- Knowledge or skill-based exam practice
- Preparing for future learning such as through wider reading
- Vocabulary revision
- Extended project work

## Rewards and sanctions

We recognise the importance of rewarding students who are consistently completing their homework. Teachers aim to reward students with positive class chart points when they submit their work. Homework will also be included in the School's wider rewards system.

However, should students fail to complete homework after the deadline has passed, their teacher will be advising them to attend homework support and will set a sanction such as a detention. If students refuse to engage with their homework (in the absence of mitigating circumstances) detention sanctions will be escalated and the appropriate member of staff will make contact home. Parents/Carers will be informed of any detentions set for homework through the class charts app: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>

As such, parents/carers should make every effort to track students' activity on the class charts app as this will be the primary form of communication home for detentions relating to missed homework.

## Gaining access to homework:

Students will gain access to their homework through a link. This link will be uploaded to their class charts app. Students log in to class charts using a code. They are first provided with this code in Year 7. It is vital that if a student has forgotten their class chart code that they ask their form tutor or relevant member of staff.

**Step 1:** Students must sign in to the class charts app. From here, students can view the different homework assigned by their subject teachers. Students should select the 'to do' drop down button.



**Step 2:** Select the arrow next to the homework that is due to be completed. This is to the left of the homework title and teacher name.

To do 7									
	Homework <sup>1</sup>	Teacher <sup>1</sup>	Lesson <sup>1</sup>	Subject <sup>1</sup>	Issued <sup>1</sup>	Due <sup>1</sup>	Est. time <sup>1</sup>	Type <sup>1</sup>	Feedback <sup>1</sup>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SPARX	Miss T Dark	9U/Ma	Mathematics	Monday 23/09/2024	Monday 30/09/2024	60 minutes	Homework	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Week 4 Matter	Dr V Holehouse	9U/Sc	Science	Tuesday 24/09/2024	Tuesday 01/10/2024		Homework	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jekyll & Hyde Homework 2	Mrs H Edwards	9U/En	English	Friday 27/09/2024	Wednesday 02/10/2024	15 minutes	Homework	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	China Hwk 1	Mr P Braham	9U/Gg	Geography	Thursday 26/09/2024	Thursday 03/10/2024		Homework	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carousel Learning 1	Miss L Fraser	9U/Hi	History	Thursday 26/09/2024	Thursday 03/10/2024		Homework	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computing w/c 230924	Mrs A Newington	9U/Cs	Computer Studies	Friday 27/09/2024	Friday 04/10/2024	30 minutes	Homework	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	French ...	Mrs B Blas-	9U/Fr	French	Friday 27/09/2024	Friday 04/10/2024	30 minutes	Homework	

**Step 3:** Click on to the link that is embedded in

**Type:** Homework

**Issue date:** Thursday 26/09/2024

**Due date:** Thursday 03/10/2024

Completed?

Here is the link to your homework quiz - please complete for Thursday 3rd October

Links

<https://app.carousel-learning.com/quiz/05965b36-e59e-4774-b658-279777f58fd0>

**Step 4:** Students log in using their first name and surname. They do not need to remember a password.

FIRST NAME

Enter your first name

LAST NAME

Enter your last name

LOGIN

**Step 5:** Students should revise the question and answers prior to completing the quiz. They should write down what they think the answer is prior to revealing it. They could use flash cards; they could write down the question and ask somebody to quiz them. In response to the feedback, they could write their own answer.

**Step 6:** Once students have completed the quiz, they should mark their answers against the teachers and submit their mark.

### Homework support

To encourage students to complete their homework, we run a weekly homework support group in B102 Thursday break and lunch. Students can also access their homework via the computers in the library after School.

If further support is needed or if you have a question regarding the information in this policy, please email: [homework@southchurchschool.com](mailto:homework@southchurchschool.com)