



## QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Introduction of Homework for KS4 and 5 Students

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child/children have had an enjoyable first fortnight back at school. As we begin the new academic year, I wanted to inform you that all students will be receiving weekly homework as part of our commitment to their overall development and progress.

### Years 10-11

Students in Years 10-11 will be given at least one piece of homework per subject per week. This homework is **compulsory** and will be recorded, rewarded and sanctioned accordingly. Primarily, this homework will be set via Synergy, but there may be occasions where paper based homeworks are given e.g. past papers. In science, homework will be set weekly via the online platform <https://www.educake.co.uk/>. In maths, Educake will also be set but this will be fortnightly, alternating alongside past papers. Where usernames and passwords are required, these will be shared via class teachers.

As a school, we are considering widening the use of Educake or a similar platform to an increased number of subjects later in the school year.

For students who have chosen to study Modern Foreign Languages, vocabulary homework will be set weekly via Synergy.

### Years 12-13

Students in Years 12-13 will be given one piece of homework per teacher per week in addition to their Independent Study. This homework is **compulsory** and will be recorded, rewarded and sanctioned accordingly.

Unlike the younger year groups, there will not be a specific homework timetable to ensure the adaptability of the tasks to the learning in the classroom. However, sufficient time will be allocated for the completion of each homework assignment, thereby avoiding any undue burden of multiple deadlines. We believe this will foster the necessary skills of time management amongst our students.

### Reading

In addition to subject-based homework, all students are expected to take part in daily independent reading. Students can choose the format and genre of the text but it is expected that students should read for a minimum of 30 minutes daily. Books can be borrowed from the school library and we strongly encourage a community library membership. A reading challenge will be set fortnightly via Synergy, which all students are encouraged to complete independently at home. **This homework is recommended and will be rewarded accordingly.**

### Independent Revision

The Autumn mock examination period for Year 11 students will run from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The mock exams are an important opportunity for students to find out what progress they are making and to consolidate their learning. Therefore, all students in Key Stage 4 and 5 are strongly encouraged to complete ongoing independent revision of topics they have studied so far.

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At Queen's Park High School, we recognise that parental involvement plays a vital role in a child's educational journey. Therefore, we kindly request that you encourage your child to approach their homework with a positive attitude and make regular time for completion. Your guidance and support will greatly contribute to their academic progress. Homework will be set and submitted primarily via Synergy but paper copies may be available, at the class teacher's discretion, if ICT facilities are unavailable at home. We do offer a Homework Club every Friday lunchtime where students are able to access support to complete homework. Where usernames and passwords are required, these will be shared via class teachers. Students will be shown how to access all homework via tutors and class teachers but if you need further support, please don't hesitate to contact the school via Synergy.

To summarise:

<b>Years 10-11 - compulsory</b>	<b>Years 12-13 - compulsory</b>	<b>All – recommended</b>
1 x homework per week per subject	1 x homework per teacher per week	Daily independent reading
Maths and/or science homework via Educake	Independent Study tasks	Fortnightly reading challenge
		Independent revision

Should you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me via Synergy and I will be more than happy to assist you.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in ensuring our students' success.

Yours sincerely,

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