

The Prescott School Homework Policy – Key Stage 3:

At The Prescott School students in Years 7 & 8 are expected do one to one and a half hours of homework per night Monday to Friday. They read their (library) book every night (20-30 minutes), learn for individual subjects (20-30 minutes), and work on numeracy (20-30 minutes). Homework must be recorded in planners.

From Year 7 onwards, homework is also revision: students use 'subject knowledge sheets' to revise work covered in class across all their subjects or may revise vocabulary for language lessons.

Many students do in excess of these daily basic requirements. We reward hard work with ClassCharts, praise in assembly and postcards and phone calls home. Heads of Year will monitor homework regularly on ClassCharts.

Parents and students are issued with a ClassCharts pin number to enable them to access homework and behaviour for learning on ClassCharts.

Reading

Studies show that students who read daily are more likely to achieve the best results at GCSE and beyond, and are more likely to access the best job opportunities in the future. All students are expected to have a reading book from The Prescott School library / The E Library or another appropriate book, which they should read for 20- 30 minutes each evening. We test reading ages twice yearly. Reading is an important habit that helps pupils succeed.

Numeracy

Students will be told which numeracy skills they should focus upon. Our current focus is tables. Students should learn up to 15 times tables. There will be regular tables tests and inter form championships.

Learning

Departments will set long term projects or provide 'subject knowledge sheets' for homework. These will enable students to consolidate their learning and prepare for tests and exams. From year 7 onwards students are learning key revision skills that will be needed to achieve academic success.

Year 7 & 8 Homework Timetable (Homework to be done on this night)

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Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 Week 1	Science Reading Times Tables	MFL Reading Times Tables	History Reading Times Tables	Maths Reading Times Tables	English Technology
Year 7 Week 2	Geography Reading Times Tables	Maths Reading Times Tables	Science Reading Times Tables	IT Reading Times Tables	English Music
Year 8 Week 1	Geography Reading Times Tables	Maths Reading Times Tables	Science Reading Times Tables	IT Reading Times Tables	English Technology
Year 8 Week 2	Science Reading Times Tables	Maths Reading Times Tables	History Reading Times Tables	MFL Reading Times Tables	English Music

*Students should check recipes and bring ingredients for Food technology lessons at appropriate times during the week.

Art, Drama, Music, Technology and PE may set longer term project based homework or self-assessment activities and therefore do not appear on the timetable.

Holiday Homework

Over half term holidays and Christmas and Easter breaks, students must:

- maintain reading
- maintain numeracy work

An example of a subject knowledge sheet (see below)

A subject knowledge sheet contains the key knowledge from a unit of work. By the end of the unit students should know this sheet well. Students will be set an activity to do using the knowledge sheets for homework – these activities should help them learn the information in the same way they learn key information for exams.

Possible activities

- Learn the meanings/spellings of the key words.
- Be able to match the kings to the dates.
- Learn the dates/kings.
- Look up Marco Polo on YouTube and find out 3 more facts about him.
- Learn the timeline so you can order the events.
- Use the timeline to write about the middle ages.

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Vocabulary		Monarchs	
Medieval	Relating to the Middle Ages	1042-1066	Edward 'the confessor'
Normans	People who came from Normandy in France	1066	Harold Godwinson
Battle	A sustained fight between organised armies	1066-1087	William I
Monarch	The head of state, usually a king or queen	1087-1100	William II
Hereditary	Passing from parent to children	1100-1135	Henry I
Plague	A disease with a high death rate	1154-1189	Henry II
Rebellion	An act of resistance against the government	1189-1199	Richard I
At this time			
Population at start World	UK	1 million	
		300 million	
Population at end World	UK	3 million	
		400 million	
Main transport	Horse		
Key invention	Gunpowder		
Food and drink	Bread, bacon, biscuits, ale		
Life expectancy	35 years		
Timeline			
3rd April 1043	Edward 'the confessor' becomes King of England		
1064	Harold Godwinson is shipwrecked off the coast of Normandy		
4th January 1066	Edward 'the confessor' dies		
6th January 1066	Harold II is crowned King of England		
25th September 1066	The Battle of Stamford Bridge where Harold Haardrada is defeated		
28th September 1066	William of Normandy lands on the south coast		
14th October 1066	The Battle of Hastings where William defeats Harold		
25th December 1066	William is crowned King of England		
1073	Castle building starts		
Significant people			
Thomas Becket	Archbishop who quarrelled with Henry II and was murdered.		
William of Poitiers	French priest who wrote about the Norman conquest of England.		
Marco Polo	A trader from Venice who travelled to China for business.		

Students will be set mini tests as they go through the topic and also tested at the end of the topic. At the end of the unit it is expected that students will know the key facts about the unit and will have this sheet to refer back to for tests and future exams.

