

The Prescot School Homework Policy – Key Stage 4 (Years 9-11):

The purpose of homework

- To consolidate and reinforce knowledge, skills and understanding.
- To extend school learning, for example through additional reading and numeracy work.
- To enable students to devote time to particular demands such as GCSE/CN coursework or project work.
- To develop revision skills.
- To encourage students to develop the confidence and self-discipline to work independently.

At The Prescot School students in KS4 are expected to do up to one and a half hours of homework, 5 nights per week to consolidate and reinforce knowledge, skills and understanding.

Homework is also seen as revision: students will use subject knowledge sheets to revise all their subjects, developing essential revision techniques in the process. Revision for GCSEs starts from the beginning!

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 will be issued with a ClassCharts pin number to enable them to access homework and behaviour for learning on ClassCharts.

Reading

Students in year 9 and 10 are expected to have a reading book from The Prescot School library / The E Library or another appropriate book, which they should read for 20-30 minutes each evening.

Whilst we do not test students to check to see if they have done their reading each day, we strongly encourage parents to remind their children of the importance of reading daily. Studies show that students who read daily are more likely to achieve the best grades at GCSE and beyond, and are more likely to access the best job opportunities in the future. In year 11 we expect students to continue to read for pleasure and also to prepare for GCSE exams.

Learning

Students will use subject knowledge sheets regularly for homework, as guided by the teacher. They complete tasks as directed using the knowledge organiser e.g. learn key words, order timelines, write sections out from memory, then self-check and correct any spelling mistakes, omissions or inaccuracies.

Homework to be done on these nights.

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday or weekend
Years 9 & 10 Week 1	Maths	English	Science	Option1	Option 2
Years 9 & 10 Week 2	Maths	English	Science	Option 3	Option 4

Homework in year 11 will be set by departments in response to the demands of preparation for GCSE and mock exams.