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Homework at Henley Bank High School

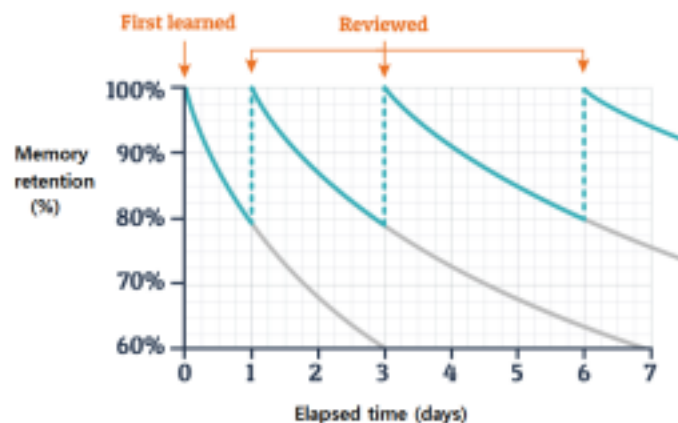
Why do we set homework at Henley Bank High School?

Homework at Henley Bank High School is there to support the building of knowledge in a student's long-term memory. Memory can be viewed as a schema, a series of interconnected pieces of information as represented in the diagram below.



As students' progress through Henley Bank their long-term memory/schema will become larger and more interconnected, the amount of information long term memory can hold is infinite.

To support students to build their schema they need to be retrieving information from their long-term memory frequently. Below is a graph known as the Forgetting Curve which shows that the more times students use the information from their long-term memory the less they will forget, therefore homework at Henley Bank is designed to support retrieving this information.



The online homework platforms are designed to be used alongside our curriculum to support students to retrieve information they have been taught to help embed this in their long-term memory and build their schema. Our homework does not focus on the learning of new information, this is what our teachers and students do in their lessons.

Why do we only set homework in English, Maths and Science?

In KS3 we only set homework in English, Maths and Science. All three of these subjects have significant links to all other subjects and support the building of a student's schema whilst not overloading their short-term memory. In year 10 students will also complete homework if they study Geography, History, Religious studies, Spanish or French to support them in getting ready for their GCSEs and Year 11.

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How do students complete their homework?

Students complete their homework using online platforms. Please see below for the specifics about how to use each platform and the expectation for each subject.

How is homework monitored?

Homework in a specific subject is monitored by the classroom teacher and Head of Department who have access to their student's online work. They are able to monitor completion rates as well as view any concepts that students are finding difficult which allows them to address this in class. Heads of Year have an overview of how students are doing across all subjects.

How do we support students with their homework?

We suggest that all students do not leave their homework until the day before it is due. Class teachers are always happy to support students with any questions they have about their homework. We also have a staffed homework club between 3pm and 4pm in an ICT suite where there are members of staff able to support students.

What days are homework due

Homework completion days

Subject	Day due	Platform
Science	Monday	Sparx
English	Tuesday	Sparx Reader
Maths	Wednesday	Sparx

What happens if homework is incomplete?

Homework is an important part of a student's success as it supports the building of their long-term memory as well as helping them become independent learners. Therefore, if homework is not complete then students will be given an hour's detention. This will be completed in the Learning Hub. Students will have access to a computer so that they can complete the homework that they have not done. If students miss this detention, they are issued with a day in APC.

Parents will be informed of missed homework through MCAS on a Friday.

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