



# Bedminster Down School

# Homework

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## Why is homework important?

Homework is important because it develops key skills in young people that will serve them throughout school and their working life. Improved grades, discipline, time management, independence and resilience are all important life skills that will open the door to success in life beyond the school gates.

Through encouraging your child to complete regular homework and supporting them with the completion of tasks, you can expect to see the following benefits:

### Improved memory power

Homework is set to help students embed the learning that has taken place in lessons. When students review what they have learned in school, they can remember more. This is an important skill to develop in preparation for sitting their GCSE exams, where they will be expected to remember lots of information.

### Time-management

Homework helps children to take control of their workload and increase their time management skills. Meeting deadlines helps students to think independently, manage their time and develop problem solving skills. Being able to manage your time and meet deadlines is an important skill throughout life.

### Developing effective revision habits

Regular homework helps students to discover a pattern that will help them when they're required to study for important tests and exams. Children who are familiar with a routine of completing homework will find it easy to adapt to a schedule of doing regular revision at home. Skills such as accessing learning materials, time management and discipline will help children learn how to revise and, ultimately, improve their grades.



**We set homework that strengthens the learning that has taken place in class. Our homework tasks help students to practise skills and rehearse knowledge that we have taught them, which helps them to know more and remember more.**

### How much homework should students receive?

#### Key Stage 3:

30 mins per week in English, maths and science

30 mins fortnightly in other subjects (other than PE, PSHE, music and drama)

#### Key Stage 4

30 mins per week in all GCSE/ BTEC subjects



## How can I support my child to complete their homework?

- Download the My Child At School app so that you can help them to manage their deadlines.
- Provide a quiet space to work at home. If this isn't possible then encourage your child to complete their homework at school—we run a daily homework club in the computer rooms at lunchtime.
- Ask them about their work. Their learning will be accelerated if they can explain what they are doing to someone else!
- Ensure that they bring a bag to school every day so that they can transport their homework

## What type of homework will my child be set?

Teachers set homework that strengthens the learning that has taken place in class. The activities vary depending on the subject, ranging from learning key vocabulary to writing essays. Some subjects use online platforms so that students can complete homework on their IT devices:

Maths students are set homework on **Sparx**.



Science students complete homework on **Tassomai**.



If your child is in Year 10 or 11, they might be asked to watch videos and complete quizzes on **GCSE Pod**, a fantastic revision resource.



Guides for each of these resources can be found [here](#).

## How can you see what homework has been set?

All homework is set on our online learning platform, Bromcom.

Students can access this via the student portal. User guides can be found [here](#).

Parents can access this via the My Child at School (MCAS) app. User guides can be found [here](#).