



TDMS

Wednesday 10 November 2021

Year 7 and 8 Homework

Dear Parent/Carer

Regular homework remains to be a priority at TDMS as it serves as an intellectual discipline, consolidates learning and develops good study habits and routines. In addition, it fosters student initiative, independence, and responsibility, and brings home and school closer together. Forming strong study routines early will significantly reduce anxiety caused by assessments and terminal exams in the long term.

Research shows that there are many benefits of students regularly completing homework, such as:

- The increased progress from 12 months in a year to a possible 20 months;
- The increased retention of knowledge;
- More rapid progress in learning;
- An opportunity to apply what has been learnt in new contexts or situations;
- An improved work ethic through improved study habits;
- A chance to integrate skills with knowledge and concepts;
- Improved self-direction and self-discipline;
- Improved time management skills

At TDMS, we firmly believe that getting into good study habits and building routines is the key to success. As such, we expect students in Years 7 and 8 to complete homework on school nights only – Sunday to Thursday – which means that no homework is to be completed on the weekend. Building routines early on will ensure that foundations are secure, enabling all students to cope as homework demands increase in later years.

Following feedback from the recent student voice and parents, we have made the decision that Year 7 and 8 students will continue to receive homework in only English and Maths throughout the Autumn term. A number of students and parents reported that they were finding it difficult to organise their time and did not have the skills required to stay on top of the work set. Therefore, we are going to use this half term to ensure that our students are equipped with the skills needed to get themselves into a good routine and have the independence to manage their study time before introducing homework in all subjects.

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Subject teachers will issue quizzing homework during the week commencing 10 January 2022. Teachers will explain what quizzing is and what this looks like when it is done effectively.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our homework club which is open to all Year 7 and 8 students in the Library every lunchtime. It is staffed and provides students with a calm environment to complete their homework as well as allowing them to access books and computers. Those students who continue to miss homework deadlines will be asked to attend homework club so that we can support them to improve their organisational skills and their homework habits.

Please support us to ensure that your child is successful at school by supporting them with their homework. If you would like further information relating to homework or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Green', written in a cursive style.

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