



## Year 9 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

Year 9 have settled well into their option subjects and have been shown to manage their time effectively in the completion of homework in their core subjects. Therefore, from 22 November, students in Year 9 will be set homework across all of their subjects.

We expect students to continue to complete their daily reading and Hegarty, and alongside this they will also be set quizzes and revision in their option subjects. We expect students to complete their homework on the day it has been set as this will relieve pressure and help students in managing their time. This approach of completing small amounts of homework on a regular basis, will support retention and retrieval of key knowledge.

Please find a copy of the homework schedule below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hegarty maths Reading				
English Option C	Biology	Option A Chemistry	Option D	Option B Physics

It is essential that students develop good study habits. C2 homework detentions will be issued for non-completion. If your child does not complete a piece of homework, you will receive a text message and we ask that you work closely with us to reiterate homework expectations and to support your child to develop good study habits. Homework detentions will be issued in all subjects from the week commencing 22 November.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about our homework club which is open to all Year 9 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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