



# Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Homework – how to support your child to successfully complete homework

I hope that your child has made a successful start to the new academic year. It has been great to welcome students back and we are looking forward to another great year ahead.

To support your child with their studies we are keen to share with you some important information regarding homework. We know that for students to reach their full potential, the completion of homework is crucial. Our experiences of working with students, alongside educational research, highlight the important role homework plays in the success students have in their learning and future exams.

The homework your child receives should provide them with opportunities:

- For independent practice
- To develop confidence and consolidate learning over time
- To build learning over time, reducing the feeling of pressure or stress
- To be better prepared to complete exams
- To develop the skills required to support and direct their own independent learning

The homework requirements for each subject your child studies will be different. Therefore, subjects have taken a different approach to the type of homework set and its frequency. Each subject has provided an outline of their approach to homework on the school website in the homework tab, [www.aylshamhigh.com/homework](http://www.aylshamhigh.com/homework).

We recognise that a barrier to the successful completion of work at home can be when students become stuck with their work. To help students overcome any barriers and 'unstick' themselves, teachers will provide students with strategies and additional resources to access for help. Homework deadlines will be set which allow students to use this support and complete work by the dates required.

Setting students the right amount of homework is a very difficult task and it is hard to please everybody. The approach we have taken is to set a level of homework which will support student learning whilst recognising that students will need time in a week to complete other commitments in their life. To support this, teachers should provide students with an indication as to how long a piece of work should take to complete. If students are spending significantly more time on a piece of work than indicated, we would recommend that they go and speak with their teacher about this.

We know that working closely with families plays an important role in the success our students' experience. To help with this, homework tasks will be communicated to students and families via SIMS Student and SIMS Parent. It is absolutely crucial for students and families to have this communication in place. If you do not have SIMS Parent setup yet, please visit the SIMS Parent page of the school website under the parent/carers tab where guidance can be found. [www.aylshamhigh.com/ahssimsparent](http://www.aylshamhigh.com/ahssimsparent)

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If students require help with SIMS Student they can see their computing teacher or Mrs Cooke in the STAR office. We have an email address for SIMS Student which your child can also email [simsstudent@alf.education](mailto:simsstudent@alf.education) for support. We would ask that students email for support directly please, rather than their parent/carer contacting the school on their behalf.

We have reviewed our credit system to include the award of credits for the successful completion of homework. Each completed homework will receive three credits. Alongside this, students and families will receive a notification in SIMS when homework has been completed. If a student does not complete homework, families will receive notification in SIMS so that we can work together to complete the work as required. You can view the homework completion information in the conduct section of SIMS Parent.

Some students may wish to take advantage of the resources and space we have at school to complete their homework. To help with this we will be offering supervised homework clubs at the times and locations shown below. In these clubs, students will have access to computers and the internet to support their learning.

Before school	Room 38 (Computing room)
Break time	Room 38 (Computing room)
After school 3.30pm to 4.30pm Monday to Thursday	Library

If you have any questions about homework, the heads of department can be contacted for subject related questions. Email addresses for these can be found on the parent/carer tab under key contacts. For other matters, the pastoral email address can be used.

[www.aylshamhigh.com/usefulcontactsandemailaddresses](http://www.aylshamhigh.com/usefulcontactsandemailaddresses)

The QR code provides a video link which will take you through the homework process in slightly more detail. The video can also be accessed via this link:

<https://youtu.be/5XRSiYhRoj8?si=tNPKJWLp6belbVdK>



We would like to thank you for your continued support and we wish your child every success in their future studies.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Bridge'.

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