

Dear parents/ guardians of students in Year 7

Ref: Year 7 Homework

I hope that your child's first few weeks at Gillotts School have been enjoyable ones!

We believe that homework is a very important part of the learning process. This is, in part, to support the teaching and learning which takes place in school. It also helps our students develop the independent learning skills that will support them in their post-16 studies and adult life.

While I am sure that all Year 7 students will have had some homework set at their primary schools, the number of different subjects and the amount of homework is likely to be much greater now they have moved to secondary school.

Homework is set according to a homework timetable and is recorded in the Student Planner. The details which your child should record include:

- description of the task
- date the task was set
- date when it is due
- initials of the teacher who has set the homework

It is an absolute requirement that homework is completed and submitted on the deadline set. The expectation is that students spend around one hour per night on homework in Year 7.

The table below shows the number of times homework should be set in each subject per fortnight and the approximate time it should take:

Subject	Frequency	Time (Approximate)
English	Weekly	45 mins per week
Maths	2 x Weekly	45 mins per week
Science	Weekly	45 mins per week
Art	Fortnightly	30 mins per fortnight
Carousel (Computing, Design Technology Drama, Food)	Weekly	30 mins per week
French	Weekly	45 mins per week
Humanities (Geography, History, RS)	Fortnightly	30 mins per fortnight
Music	Fortnightly	30 mins per fortnight

The school homework timetable can be found on our school website by clicking on the link below:

<http://gillotts.oxon.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/overview>

Your child should know which class they are in for each subject as this is recorded on the front of their exercise books. If they are unsure, please contact your child's tutor who has a copy of your child's school timetable with the class codes on it.

I would like to encourage you to discuss with your child how well they feel they are managing this aspect of the transition to secondary school. It would also be very helpful if you look in your child's Student planner to check what homework is being set and that they are managing to complete it by the deadline date.

We have also updated the Year 7 Curriculum Guide that can be downloaded from the school website by following the link below:

<http://gillotts.oxon.sch.uk/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/years7-9>

This document provides details of the topics that your child will be studying in each subject over the coming year and what you can do as a parent to support your child.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns about your child's ability to manage their homework, please contact your child's form tutor at school.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. J. Newbold". The letters are slightly slanted and connected in a cursive style.

Dr Newbold
Deputy Headteacher