

Year 10 – IT Systems and Homework

Dear Year 10 Parents,

We are very pleased with the start that Year 10 has made to the new school year.

I am writing to provide you with information about two key elements which support the learning process: our IT systems and homework.

I. IT Systems

BYOD

As you will know from the information you received from us before your child joined the school, we require all students to bring a mobile device into school to support teaching and learning. These bring significant additional opportunities because students can make use of their device to connect to the internet as and when they need to:

- Online quizzes for immediate feedback on learning
- Accessing shared lesson and homework resources in Google Classroom
- Photographing/videoing practical work
- Research
- Accessing specific learning resources, e.g. Maths Watch and Vocab Express
- Accessing GCSE past papers and mark schemes

It is therefore essential that your child has a fully charged mobile device in school every day.

Our BYOD Code of Conduct requires students to use the wifi when in school. If your child is still having problems getting connected, they can contact our IT Services team for support by sending an email to: itservices@gillotts.org

If they are unable to send an email, they should let their form tutor know who will be able to access further help.

All documents relating to the school's BYOD scheme can be accessed on the school's website under [teaching and learning](#).

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is a very important application which allows teachers to set work and share resources with the students in their class. It also allows students to complete the work online and submit it to their teachers for marking and feedback.

As all homework will be set on Google Classroom, it is essential that your child understands how to use it. If they are unsure, please watch through the instruction video with them. If they still need help, they should discuss this with their form tutor.

EduLink

All parents and students have access to their own EduLink account. If you have not already logged into your EduLink account via the app/website, please contact the school to request your username and password. Through EduLink, you can view all homework that has been set for your child, with information on the date it was set, and the date it needs to be completed by. You can also view information on your child regarding achievements, behaviours, detentions, timetables, reports, attendance and links to other relevant sites. This shows 'live' information

2. Homework

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.

The homework itself, including the deadline for completion, and any resources required to complete it will be posted by your child's teacher on Google Classroom. This will also be visible to parents on EduLink. The students will receive a notification of this in their email inbox and will also be able to see it in the class folders in Google Classroom. It is important that your child follows the instructions given by their teacher.

It is an absolute requirement that homework is completed and submitted on the deadline set. The expectation is that students spend around 2 hours per night on homework in Year 10.

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	Year Group	Frequency	Time (Approximate)
English	Year 10	Weekly	1 hour per week
	Year 11	Weekly	1 hour per week
Maths	Year 10	2 x Weekly	1 hour per week
	Year 11	2 x Weekly	1 hour per week
Science	Year 10	Weekly	1 hour per week
	Year 11	Weekly	1 hour per week
RS	Year 10	Fortnightly	1 hour per fortnight
	Year 11	Fortnightly	1 hour per fortnight
Option subjects	Year 10	Weekly	1 hour per week
	Year 11	Weekly	1 hour per week

The school homework timetable can be found on our school website under [teaching and learning/curriculum](#) (scroll down the page to the link to the 'live homework timetable').

Your child should know which class they are in for each subject as this is recorded on the front of their exercise books and on the printed copy of their timetable. If they are still unsure, please contact your child's tutor who will be able to help. Please can you also sign your child's planner weekly as part of this process.

We have sent out information regarding the Year 10 GCSE Information Evening on Thursday 2nd October 2025 and look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to once again encourage you to contact your child's form tutor if you have any questions regarding these matters.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "E.J. Newbold". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Dr Newbold
Deputy Head