

## **HOMEWORK AT MARRIOTTS**

### **KS3, 4 and 5 Setting of Tasks:**

- All homework is set using Show My Homework, including if it is signposting/linking to other online testing sites, e.g. MS Teams, Bedrock, etc. A link for the Show My Homework website can be found on the school website, and a free Android and iOS App is available.

### **Frequency:**

- Subjects with 4 lessons per fortnight set homework weekly.
- Subjects with less than 4 hours per fortnight set homework as a minimum fortnightly.
- PE do not set homework in year 7 and 8, other than the Literacy policy/wider reading. In year 9 homework is set when appropriate.
- Information Technology in year 7 and 8 who have one lesson a fortnight set once every 4 weeks.
- The only subject that does not set homework is Life Skills.

### **KS3 and 4 Tasks:**

- KS3 homework should take approximately 30-60 minutes to complete.
- KS4 homework should take approximately 40-60 minutes to complete.
- Homework is primarily focused on learning and the cumulative testing of the transferable/portable knowledge needed for that subject (linked to the knowledge organiser). Additional homework may also be set to the online testing, in particular focusing on cumulative and interleaving.
- Students are set an online test and where appropriate corresponding revision material to revise prepare for it. The platform for the online test is down to the discretion of subject leads.
- Homework does not replace in class retention testing, e.g. 5-a-days, etc.
- Non-Ebacc and Technology subjects may find online testing is not always appropriate and set other relevant homework instead.
- Literacy policy/ wider reading homework: We are continuing with the once per 8 weeks subject specific wider reading homework, which is a core principle of our whole school reading policy.
- Daily 20 minute reading and Book Report: English will continue to set KS3 students 20 minutes private reading each night, and this will be verified through the half-termly book report. If a student has not completed the book report then they are ineligible to achieve a Marriotts Learning Zone of Good or Outstanding.

### **KS5 Tasks:**

- In the Sixth Form, students are expected to complete a minimum of 1 hour of independent study/homework for each hour of taught lessons; in many cases, more than 1 hour per lesson will be required in order that students are able to achieve their target grades.
- At least one component of this per week will be formally set (on SMHW), reviewed and monitored, as 'homework'. The remainder will be independent study, guided by the class teacher. Homework and independent study set will include, but not be limited to: Completing exercises from textbooks or online resources, based on recently covered material AND cycling back through previously learnt content; writing essays/exam style answers about recently covered material AND cycling back through previously learnt content; a key focus should be on synopsis wherever possible and relevant; reading material such as articles, textbook content or online material, which will then be discussed/questioned/tested on in lesson; completing formal exam questions; creating knowledge organisers/mind maps ;applying a mark scheme to a sample answer; completing coursework; completing interactive self-marking quizzes; completing or writing multiple choice tests.

### **Reporting to Parents/Carers regarding homework:**

- Parents and carers will be able to view the homework being set for their child via SMHW
- All parents will be aware whether their child has completed homework via the auto generated notifications through School App, from when teachers log homework referrals in SIMs.
- Parents/carers will also receive an overview of homework completion within the Termly Snapshots.