



Homework & Revision

10 Top Tips for Parents

Homework and revision are key to your daughter's success. Both can be overwhelming, but by setting and following a supportive routine, your daughter will find working at home easier and more productive.

1. Communicate with your daughter

Talk to your daughter about what homework she has each day. When is it due? How long will it take? What does she need? She has a planner detailing her homework and it will also be on-line on her Firefly page, accessible via the school website or the Firefly app on a mobile.

2. Communicate with school

By attending school events (information evenings, parents evenings) you can talk to your daughter's teachers regarding useful homework resources and strategies.

3. Be prepared to help!

Some pupils often need support in getting started with homework or revision. You don't have to know the topic, but be available to discuss how they might approach a task or tackle a piece of work. This is particularly important with revision as students need to decide on a technique to use - staring at the book won't work!

4. Create the right environment

If work is to be done well, it needs to be done in the right place. Ensure your daughter has a quiet place to work, free of distractions, preferably at a desk or table, and has plenty of stationery! You may also like her to be visible, so you can ensure she is on task!

5. Create a technology free zone!

Mobile phones and social media are a huge distraction to young people. How about keeping your daughter's phone safe while she focuses on her homework or revision?!

6. Make sure there is time for homework

Build homework in to your daughter's schedule so it becomes part of her routine. Time spent on homework and revision will vary according to year group, but your daughter will have increasing amounts of work to complete at home as she moves through the school. Refer to the school website for a homework timetable for each year group.

7. Encourage a homework plan/revision timetable

By creating a nightly homework plan or timetable, work can be broken down in to manageable chunks, remembering to encourage frequent breaks. You can also avoid any evenings when you know your daughter has a prior commitment (eg. dance club) Revision for examinations is most successful when supported by an effective timetable.

8. Don't let them get overloaded!

If your daughter is struggling to complete the work in an acceptable time, or the work is often unclear, please contact your daughter's teacher. It is crucial any issues are resolved.

9. Encourage independence

Your help may be invaluable, but might it be better for your daughter to figure it out on her own? There are a wealth of resources on the school's Firefly pages, and other websites, that might solve the issue.

10. Motivate and monitor

Offer encouragement and praise and follow up on homework pieces or assessment results.