

# HOMWORK/STUDY PLANS

In modern secondary schools home study tasks have had to be adapted to take account of the changes in teaching methods. Such tasks will vary, of course, depending on the subject in questions and the stage of the learner. In all cases they are designed to extend the work done in class and may include such tasks as reading, assignments, project preparation and formal written homework.

As pupils move through the school, home tasks will increase in quantity and in difficulty; we expect all students to follow a study plan for revision purposes.

Pupils are expected to utilise their homework diary every evening to prepare their resources and complete revision tasks. The time taken will vary. The following are guidelines:-

**S1 and S2 - 1 hour per evening**

**S3 and S4 - 6 to 8 hours per week**

**S5 and S6 - 15 hours per week**

Study skills are taught and pupil support is given to both pupils and parents on the use of study leave while the SQA examinations are taking place.

IT developments are allowing pupils to access SQA past paper web sites for revision.

In the Curriculum section of this website pupils can access revision notes and homework questions as well as links to websites offering support.

S4/5/6 will be issued deadlines for the submission of course work by departments. Many teachers are offering supported study to help in exam preparation. Again, details will be on Departments individual web pages.

## Sources to help

<http://www.whatmotivateslearning.com/resources/>

# How do I study?

The three most common styles of learning are:

## Visual learning

If you find it easy to remember visual things like charts and diagrams you're probably a visual learner. Useful tips for visual learners include:

- Writing down key concepts on little pieces of paper
- Mind-maps, using colour to highlight important things.
- Colour-code notes.
- Draw diagrams and sketches to help you to remember points.

## Auditory learning

If you're an auditory learner, you'll prefer to hear the topic that you are studying.

- Try reading your notes out loud.
- Record yourself reading the key points in your notes then listen back to the recording.
- Revise with other students by discussing the topic you're studying.

## Learning by reading and writing

Some people learn more efficiently through reading and writing.

- Read instructions or books and tend to remember things when they write them down.
- Copy out your notes or reading them silently.
- Rewrite key points using different words or writing them down from memory.

# Effective Study Habits

People prefer to in the morning, others prefer the end of the day.

- You'll need to experiment a little and see what works best for you.
- Not matter what time it is make sure you're organised, alert and ready to learn.

Some people can study anywhere

- On the train, on the bus, in the bath, you name it, someone will do it.
- Wherever you decide, try to minimise the distractions.

When you're well organised, studying can be easy

- Spread your studies in nice, manageable one-hour chunks.
- More than 2 to 3 hours in a single stretch is usually too much.
- Don't forget to take a few minutes break every now and then.

If you want to study successfully, you have to avoid distractions.

- While it's hard to escape the modern world, it's only for few hours or so at a time.
- So switch off your phone, shut down your computer and concentrate on studying.