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Year 8 information evening 2011



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Extension study



What Is It?

Extension Study is a formal element of high quality teaching and learning, and comprises the tasks and activities assigned by staff to students, to be completed outside the timetabled curriculum.



Extension Study can take many forms

investigation

research

reading

drawing

interviews

use of ICT to display /

present work

simple experiments

drafting

preparing for future lessons

revision

essay / report writing

model making

designing

extended projects

practical activities

organisation of kit /

equipment / resources



Time Allocation

All KS3 students are allocated an extension study timetable, recorded in the student diary. This provides guidance as to when they can expect tasks to be set in specific subjects. Teaching staff will aim to adhere to the timetable, however, some flexibility is inevitable.

The extension study allocation for individual subjects per 2 week cycle will vary. **For Year 8:**

Approximately 1 hour per subject per 2-week cycle

Maths, Modern Foreign Languages and Science increases to 1.5 - 2 hours.

Total is approximately 14 – 16 hours extension study time per 2-week cycle.

The allocated times may, for example, consist of several shorter tasks of 20mins or one longer task.



Roles and Responsibilities

Students will:

- record extension study tasks accurately in their student planners
- complete all extension study tasks to a high standard /the best of their ability
- submit extension study tasks by the deadline set and seek support if needed
- check details of extension study missed due to absence



Parents / Carers are expected to:

- take an interest in the work being completed and recognise its importance in student attainment
- check and sign diaries weekly
- support the development of appropriate study habits to ensure that extension study tasks are completed to deadlines
- provide a quiet work space where extension study can be effectively completed



Parents / Carers are expected to:

- monitor extension study through the diary, indicating that to the best of their knowledge work has been completed satisfactorily in the allocated time
- make timely contact with the school if they have concerns about the quality or quantity of extension study
- inform the school of any specific issues/concerns in relation to the needs of their son / daughter



Where students fail to:

submit work on time (unless there are extenuating circumstances e.g. illness), produce satisfactory work or complete work, they will be given 24 hours to rectify the situation.

submit work or produce work in line with expectations after the allocated 24 hours, a department detention (3.15 - 4pm) will be issued and recorded in the student's diary by the relevant member of staff.

If they fail to attend the department detention, a 1 hour, faculty detention will be issued and recorded in the student's diary by the relevant member of staff.

If they fail to attend the faculty detention, the curriculum leader will complete the appropriate paperwork and a 2 hour SLT detention will be issued

submit extension study tasks or produce work of the quality expected on a regular basis, the subject tutor will liaise with the form tutor via a conduct log and parental contact will be made.



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Year 7 :

Acclimatisation

New demands

Improved organisation

Time management

Working towards MEGS

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Year 8 : MEGs

Keeping on track to hit the right level at the end of Year 9

Remember this is a MINIMUM!

KS2 English Level	KS2 Maths Level	KS2 Science Level	English	Mathematics	Science	ICT	Technology	Modern Foreign Language	Physical Education	Art	Music	Humanities	Citizenship	English	Mathematics	Science	ICT	Technology	Modern Foreign Language	Physical Education	Art	Music	Humanities	Citizenship	
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Top Tips for Year 8 Parents / Carers

- Continue to be involved. Do check every night
- Aim for the 'do it the night you get it' approach
- Do interfere – they do still need you!
- Do be insistent in appropriate time / place / level of noise to complete work
- Don't be tempted/persuaded to lower your standards – if you think it is too brief / untidy you are likely to be right.
- Remain supportive -spelling / checking through / ideas / praise – developing a positive relationship with regard to extension study is very important in Year 8 & 9 in preparation for GCSE controlled assessments



Top Tips for Year 8 Parents / Carers

- Remember planning and preparation activities are your son/ daughter's responsibility. Try to quickly encourage independence. Kit and ingredients are their job not yours
- Do check attainment targets and ask to see books
- If there are issues set short, manageable and realistic targets
- Reward and praise achievement
- If in doubt contact the school
- Ignore classic Year 8 comments



Opportunities for parents

- Group sessions with an outside speaker
 - Limited opportunity, these will be on offer on a first come first served basis for groups of approximately 25 parents.
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- Revision
 - Organisation
 - Aiming high



Any
questions?

