

# Homework Timetable: Year 8



Dear Parent/Carer

At Appleton Academy homework is seen as a valuable way of revising and extending work undertaken in school, of discovering information not available in school, of involving parents in their children's studies and of developing the self-discipline essential for good habits of study. It is our policy to set homework on a regular basis as detailed in the Year 8 homework timetable below and in student planners.

Subject	Task Type	Frequency
English	Online work on Seneca learning.	Work set weekly on Seneca learning.
Maths	Online work on Sparx maths.	Work set weekly on Sparx maths.
Science	Online work on Seneca learning.	Work set fortnightly on Seneca learning.
History	Guided reading & projects.	Twice per half term.
Geography	A range of project-based learning.	Twice per half term.
Spanish	Vocabulary builders.	Work set fortnightly.
Music/Drama	Extended research & presentation tasks.	One piece set per half term for each subject.
Digital Literacy	Work is set online for students on <a href="http://Idea.org.uk">Idea.org.uk</a> .	Work set fortnightly.
RE	Guided reading.	Once per half term.
DT and Art	A range of tasks are set each half term alongside a drawing competition.	Work set fortnightly.

- Students should spend 30-45 minutes on each subject's homework.
- A variety of homework tasks will be set including written work, research, revision, project work and preparation for future work.
- We also have a range of online learning packages to support your child's work such as: [www.sparxmaths.uk](http://www.sparxmaths.uk) and [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com). These websites will be used by some subjects instead of paper-based homework. Your child will have received usernames and passwords for these online learning platforms. They are normally linked to their Office 365 login details.
- Students will record their homework tasks in their planner. Please check and sign the student planner each week.
- To make good progress in their learning, it is essential that students complete homework to the best of their ability. Please talk to your child about their homework and support them in organising their time to ensure homework is handed in ahead of deadlines.
- If students need support with homework, please encourage them to talk to their subject teacher.
- Whilst we value the importance of homework in consolidating or extending your child's learning, it can become an unmanageable task for teachers to chase students who were set homework and choose not to do it. Therefore, if your child fails to complete three consecutive pieces of homework, we will presume that you do not wish your child to continue to complete homework and staff will no longer inform you or issue a sanction to your child should they not complete it.
- If you have concerns about homework, you should refer these in the first instance to the subject teacher.