

Extended Learning Programme

In Year 7 students should spend approximately 1 hour each night on extended learning tasks. This should rise to one hour and 20 minutes by Year 9. The exact amount will vary due to the type of task set and its purpose. Project based tasks that build up over several weeks will take significantly longer, although the amount undertaken each night should not be any more. Weekly tasks will also vary according to the task set and the ability of the student. Extended learning tasks will not be for specific nights but will be set on the most appropriate day. Teachers will set deadlines carefully to avoid overloading students.



Extended Learning Year 7-9

Who to contact...

If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's extended learning programme then please contact:

- The relevant Head of Curriculum area for subject specific information
- The Behaviour for Learning Leader for more general concerns

Subject Setting

Weekly Tasks
Up to 2 per week
(Time in brackets)

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Building into projects
(Time in brackets)

Mathematics (60-80)
English (60-80)
Technology (30-40)
History (30-40)
Geography (30-40)
MFL (30-40)

Science (60-80)
ICT (30-40)
Art -1 project per year
Drama -1 project per year
Religious Studies -
3 projects per year
(7 weeks each)
Life Choices -
1 project per year

Music and Art will set occasional extended learning as required

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What is Extended Learning?

Extended learning is considered to be any activity directed by a teacher and undertaken by students outside lesson time. This could be in school, for example, after 3pm or at home in the evenings or at weekends. Traditionally it has been referred to as 'homework'. However, we want our students to be aware that homework no longer adequately describes the demands of this work. Increasingly, extended learning will be placed on the school internet site.



Why do students need to undertake Extended Learning?

Students need to develop a range of independent study skills that will not only help them at school but also throughout their life.

Extended learning will enable the students to consolidate their learning and apply the knowledge and skills they have learnt whilst at school.

Extended learning tasks will also help them develop the required skills to be successful in Years 10 and 11 when the demands increase. Extended learning tasks will also allow you to be more actively involved in your son / daughter's learning.

- Independent and personalised learning
- Consolidating learning
- Research
- Reading and writing
- Designing
- Planning
- Problem solving
- Thinking skills
- Expressing opinions and formulating arguments

What can you do to help?

The following is a short list of some of the things you can do to support your son/daughter:

- Support the school in the setting of extended learning tasks.
- Provide them with a suitable workspace at home.
- Encourage them to use the after school facilities, particularly if they do not have access to ICT at home.
- Take an active interest in the work that they are completing.
- Encourage them to establish good work patterns e.g. completing tasks soon after they get home.
- Help them to plan out the time required to complete lengthy or a number of tasks.
- Contact the school if your son/daughter appears to be receiving little or no extended learning tasks.

- Praise your son/daughter for completing tasks set.

- Regularly check their use of the school planner. All extended learning tasks must be recorded in here.



Types of Extended Learning

Extended learning may involve any of the following:

- Project or coursework-taking several weeks to complete; students will need to plan their time carefully.
- Frequent and regular short tasks-set each week and lasting between 30 and 40 minutes each.

Useful Websites

www.samlearning.com

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.whcs.rotherham.sch.co.uk