

Extended Learning Programme

In Years 10 and 11 students should spend approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes each day on extended learning.

The exact amount will vary due to the type of task set and its purpose. Coursework which goes towards a student's final grade will take longer and is often spread out over several weeks. The whole coursework project will take a considerable amount of time to complete and therefore cannot be left to the last moment.

Extended learning tasks will not be set according to a rigid timetable but will be set on the most appropriate day.

Teachers will set deadlines carefully to avoid overloading students.



Extended Learning Year 10-11

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

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Weekly Tasks
Building into projects/coursework
(Time in brackets)

Mathematics (90)
English (90)
Technology (45)
CISCO (45)
Engineering (45)
History (90)
Geography (90)
Religious Studies (45-90 depending on course)
MFL (45)
Health & Social Care(90)
Music (90)

Science (90)
PE (45)
ICT and Business Courses (45)
CIDA (90)
Art (45-60)
Drama (45)

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

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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?

All GCSE courses in Years 10 and 11 require students to complete coursework that can make up to 66% of the final GCSE grade. This work cannot be completed within class as there is insufficient time. In addition, students need to check out and reinforce their understanding of the topics and concepts studied.

This is achieved by the students trying to apply their newly learnt knowledge and skills on their own and outside the classroom.

In addition, extended learning tasks will encourage the following:

- Independent and personalised 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.

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 about 45 minutes each.



- 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.

Useful Websites

www.samlearning.com

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

www.whcs.rotherham.sch.co.uk