



HOMEWORK: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Amount of Homework

When learning a foreign language we believe that homework is a very important tool for consolidating, reinforcing and expanding the knowledge acquired in the classroom. For that reason, languages teachers at Prince Henry's High School will set the following amount of homework:

- **Year 9 students:** 1 piece of homework per week with a maximum duration of 1 hour.
- **Year 10 and Year 11 students:** 3 pieces of homework per fortnight with a duration of 45 to 60 minutes per piece.
- **A Level students:** approximately one hour per lesson taught.

Type of Homework

Homework will be tailored to the needs of the specific class and will be closely related to the preparation of students for their GCSE examinations. With that in mind, your son/daughter will receive homework in the form of:

- Vocabulary revision.
- Reading comprehension practice.
- Listening comprehension practice.
- Translation activities.
- Writing in relation to the topic being studied. (The length of the text will be determined by the level of the group and their academic year).

Note: A big part of the homework received will be linked to the text book used in class. Students will have access to their text book using the online platform Kerboodle at www.kerboodle.com. They will get a personal log in at the beginning of Year 9.

Helping to Organise My Homework

In order to support our students with the organisation and completion of their homework, we reiterate the importance of using their planners for recording the homework given. In addition, staff use the online platform Show My Homework (SMH) where parents can see the homework that has been set on a regular basis.

Supporting Your Child with Homework

In order to support your child effectively, you could try the following:

- Ensure they are using their planners to record their homework.
- Ensure they are using Kerboodle at home.
- Access Show My Homework regularly to check which homework has been set, and help students to organise and prioritise its completion.
- Engage in their homework by asking them to explain what they are doing and how they are going to arrive at the given end product.
- Help them to learn their vocabulary by testing them. You don't have to be an expert in the language to do this as they will have lists with the English written alongside the target language!