



Homework Strategy

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1. Introduction and Purpose

When learning in the classroom, students will often be using their short term or working memory. This is continually updated in their classes. However, once they move to another lesson the working memory is replaced by the next topic. In an ever-changing world education is more than just memorising facts. Students need to learn how to access information that is relevant to them and understand how to transfer knowledge to new situations.

Therefore, revising both the key skills and knowledge from the class during homework is scientifically proven to increase the likelihood of student retaining this in their medium- and long-term memories.

The core purpose of homework is critical in developing independent learners at Stowmarket High School who understand the importance of retrieval in helping them remember and understand more over time.

Homework should also be used as a planning tool for teaching staff, using the feedback from the tasks they set to build into their upcoming lessons or areas of need for longer term revision.

2. Manageable and Meaningful

Homework must be 'manageable and meaningful'. This is true for both the for the teachers that set the work and for students that undertake it. With this key principle at the heart of what we do the following guidance applies:

- There are no longer government guidelines on how much work should be undertaken per week.
- Stowmarket High School recognises the importance of setting work on a rota that balances out the build up at any one point – See 'Frequency Schedules' below.
- KS3 retrieval tasks should ideally be no more than 30 minutes per task and KS4 no more than 45 minutes per task.
- Teachers must give pupils at least 48 hours' notice to complete a task.
- Where possible all work is self-marking to support teacher's workload but more importantly to give pupils instant and direct feedback. This is most effective with the use of online quizzes via Satchel One Quiz or supporting websites such as Reading Plus, Maths Watch, Neeto, Seneca, GCSE Pod, Quizziz, and Kahoot.
- CLs and teachers are encouraged to work collaboratively and share resources via Show My Homework. Tasks can be edited and reused in matter of seconds.

- Pupils/Parents can reach out and discuss issues directly with HOY if they have a particular personal consideration that they wish to be temporarily or permanently considered.

3. Show My Homework – Satchel One

All homework tasks must be set on Satchel One – Show my Homework.

Show my Homework will remain as our platform for delivering all tasks. It offers a much more effective way to communicate and support pupils and parents with links to websites, videos, and resources both remotely and when at school.

The website is supported by the app which can be downloaded -

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/articles/3185199-ios-app-for-students>

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/articles/3186991-android-app-for-students>

Staff and Students can log on 24/7 via their Office 365 accounts -

<https://www.satchelone.com/login>

Any question on the use of the site can be answered via the Help Centre -

<https://help.satchelone.com/en/>