

Malbank Homework

Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

Homework at Malbank is designed to foster good revision habits in pupils, setting them up for success in future assessments. Therefore, the amount set each week is manageable yet encourages students to get into the habit of doing a little bit of work each week at home. Research suggests that pupils who consistently complete homework at High School can be up to 6 months ahead of their peers who do not complete homework. Homework completion rates will be reported to parents three times per year in Key Stage 3.

The design of the homework timetable also requires pupils to learn how to manage their time effectively. Students are set two pieces of homework each week with a set due date. Pupils must decide within that week when is the best time to complete the work set. This ensures pupils who take part in clubs or activities after school are not penalised for not being able to complete work on set days. To support students in developing their time management skills homework is checked by form tutors who see them daily so that students can be given consistent reminders about homework completion, however, ultimately it is up to students to develop the skill of time management.

Each week students are set homework on Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader. Both platforms automatically adjust their difficulty level based on pupil performance. Wherever possible, students should complete homework independently so that the difficulty level is not artificially increased. These platforms support the fundamental skills needed for all lessons and ensure that pupils are given immediate feedback on all of their homework.

Students in Years 7-9 follow the homework timetable below.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Monday			
Tuesday			Homework Due
Wednesday			
Thursday	Homework Due		
Friday		Homework Due	

During assessment periods, students will also be set additional homework to revise for assessments in all subjects