



Introduction to Homework at Avonbourne

Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers,

I hope that students have enjoyed their first week with us at Avonbourne.

This letter outlines our homework expectations for Year 7 and explains how we can work together to support your child in developing positive independent learning habits.

At Avonbourne, we believe that learning does not stop when lessons end. Homework plays an important role in developing successful scholars by helping pupils strengthen their knowledge, build independence and develop the habits that underpin long-term success. Our homework programme is designed to support learning through regular retrieval practice, helping pupils revisit, remember and apply what they have learned in class.

Homework Schedule

During Autumn 1, students will be set homework in three subjects: English, Maths and Science. Students will have exactly one week from the set date to complete each piece of homework. Please see below for the days on which homework is set and the online platform used by each subject:

Homework day	Subject	Online Platform	Approximate time needed to complete
Monday	English	SPARX Reader	30 minutes
Tuesday	Maths	SPARX Maths	30 minutes
Wednesday	Science	SPARX Science	30 minutes

As part of their induction programme, Year 7 students have completed an IT session designed to familiarise them with their login details, the login process and the homework platforms they will be using throughout the year.

Homework begins on **Monday 14th September**. To support students with this transition, some teachers may already have set introductory tasks to help them explore the platforms and build confidence using them. We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes over the coming days to check that your child can successfully access all three platforms and encourage them to speak to their tutor if they experience any difficulties. Links to the platforms, together with guidance on how and why we use them, can be found on the academy website: [Homework | Curriculum | Avonbourne](#)



Whilst homework will begin from **Monday 14th September**, sanctions for missing or incomplete homework will not be introduced until after the October half-term break. This will allow students time to establish positive homework routines, build confidence using the platforms and develop the organisational habits needed for success. Additionally, students will receive **REACH points** for homework completed successfully.

Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Use the Year 7 homework grid to keep track of upcoming homework and stay organised. The Autumn 1 homework grid can be found here: [Year 7 Autumn 1 26-27 Homework Grid.pdf](#)
- Complete all homework to the best of their ability.
- Submit homework by the stated deadline.
- Seek support from their teacher at least 24 hours before the deadline if they are unsure about a task.
- Attend homework club at lunchtime in AU12 if unable to complete at home.

How Parents and Carers Can Help

Parents and carers can support their child by:

- Providing a quiet space for homework completion.
- Using the homework grid to track completion each week. We recommend displaying the grid at home and ticking off each homework as it is completed.
- Talk to your child regularly about their learning and homework. This can be as simple as asking, "Can you tell me something you have learned in Science this week?"
- Providing support where possible or communicating any concerns to your child's tutor or class teacher.

We truly believe that, by working together, we can help every student develop the knowledge, independence and scholarship needed to thrive at Avonbourne and beyond.

If you have any questions regarding homework expectations, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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