

Hedingham School

**Year 8
Homework**

2025-2026

ACHIEVEMENT & EXCELLENCE

Dear Parent/Guardian

This booklet is provided to give you an overview of the homework that students should expect to complete during this academic year. The intention of homework at Hedingham School is to consolidate classroom learning and provide students the opportunity to revisit previous topic areas.

The homework structure includes a three-strand approach:

- Weekly – set once per week
- Topic – set a minimum of twice per topic
- Project - one topic set per half-term (timetable on next page)

The three-strand approach allows subject areas to set meaningful and quality homework which is designed around the curriculum to support student learning. Through Arbor, teachers will communicate homework information to both students and parents. On the due date, teachers will mark the homework as submitted or not submitted. This will communicate whether a student has handed in the homework on time.

The homework is not an exhaustive list – teachers and subject leaders may choose to set some extra homework (for example, research or to revisit a certain topic) and students should also be prepared to revise for tests and assessments at home. Students can also decide to do further work on a particular topic that they are especially interested in and revisit topic areas. Teachers will be more than pleased to support and provide ideas for extension work.

Studies show that one of the most powerful elements to improving children's learning is to engage them in discussion about what they learnt in lessons that day. If you can make time in the evenings to do this and assist in homework, learning tasks or revision set as appropriate, you will be playing an important part in making sure that your son/daughter is making good progress.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the subject teacher, subject leaders or Mrs N Cook, Assistant Headteacher.

Homework Programme for Year 8 (2025-2026)

Weekly Homework

English
Maths
Art
French

Topic Based Homework

Science
RVE
Computer Science
Music
History

Maths and English Homework

Maths and English homework will be set on a separate platform from Arbor called Sparx. The online platform will provide regular communication in relation to your son/daughter's Maths and English homework.

Half-Term Projects

Students will be expected to complete one project per half-term in the following subjects - Dance, Drama, Geography, D & T and Revision Skills. Projects will be available on the school website and should take a minimum of 6 hours to complete.

Year 8 – Project Timetable	
Half Term 1 02 SEP – 17 OCT	Design and Technology
Half Term 2 3 NOV – 19 DEC	Dance
Half Term 3 05 JAN – 13 FEB	Drama
Half Term 4 23 FEB – 26 APR	Revision Skills
Half Term 5 13 APR – 22 MAY	Geography
Half Term 6 1 JUN – 17 JULY	Revision for Internal Exams

F.A.Q

1. How can I monitor what homework my child is being set?

Homework will be set on Arbor under the assignments section. You can click on individual subject assignments which will bring up the details of the tasks set, and when the homework is due. Your child will be able to record any additional information in their individual planners when the assignment is set by the teacher during lessons.

2. Is there a way to see if they have missed or not completed their homework?

On Arbor your child's teacher will click submitted once the homework has been handed in. If your child has not handed the homework in on the deadline, the homework will be marked as not submitted on Arbor.

3. Will homework be marked by teachers and returned?

Teachers will set a variety of homework tasks. All homework tasks completed will be recognised by teacher. Depending on the task it-self this will vary from a reward, mark, written or verbal feedback, use of the homework in class.

4. What should we do if my child does not understand what to do?

In the first instance your child should find the teacher that set the homework and ask for some further guidance. If your child still does not understand the task you are welcome to email their teacher directly.

5. When there are exams or tests is revision for their tests included in homework tasks?

There may be some revision set as homework; however, your child will also be expected to revise for any up-and-coming exams they are aware of. In the lead up to end of year examinations your child will be supported through PD time and the project-based homework with four different strategies to revise. Throughout the academic year your child's subject teacher will refer to these different revision strategies.

6. What happens if students do not do their homework?

Completed homework will be celebrated and rewarded. Maths and English detentions will be set for any homework not submitted. During these detentions your child will be given the time to complete the missed homework. Lack of homework in other subjects will be reflected in reports home and parents evenings and through Arbor. Subject teachers will encourage students to complete homework and discuss the benefits on their individual learning and progress.

