CANBURY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK PROCEDURES AND POLICY

2026/27

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KS3

To build vital foundational study habits and alleviate household friction early on, **compulsory/mandatory homework has been removed for Years 7 and 8**. Optional study resources will remain available. Year 7 & 8 students will instead take a new **'Learning to Learn'** module (run on a carousel alongside SMSC and Wellbeing) which explicitly teaches executive functioning skills, including time management, combating digital distractions, chunking large assignments, and starting tasks independently.

Teachers will provide optional study resources online for students who wish to complete additional work, but these will not be formally set, checked, or enforced.

Formal homework begins in **Year 9**. At the start of each academic year, teachers dedicatedly coach students on subject-specific revision, task initiation, and time management ("chunking" tasks)

Formal homework then begins in Year 9 using a phased model:

- **Term 1** (Autumn): Core subjects only (English, Maths, Science) at 30 minutes per task.
- **Terms 2 & 3** (Spring & Summer): All foundation/elective subjects introduced at a maximum of 30 minutes per task.

Term 1 (Autumn) Year 9 - maximum of 30 minutes per task

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English		Science		Maths

Terms 2 and 3 (Spring and Summer) Year 9 - maximum of 30 minutes per task

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Spanish History	Science	Art ICT	Maths Geography

KS4

Homework is an essential part of older students' learning when it comes to preparing for formal examinations. It extends and consolidates what is taught and provides opportunity for individual study and practice in order to best practice for exams at the end of year 11. Homework is regularly marked, assessed and prompt feedback given.

Year 10 - 30 to 45 minutes per task

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Block D - Photo/ Geog (2)	**Block A** - Spanish/Business	Maths **Block B** - Art/ Geog	English **Block C** - History/ Sport	Science

Year 11 - 30 minutes per task (N.B English/Maths could set one task of 1 hour if preferred)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Maths	**Block A** - Business/ Photo/ Spanish (2) **Block B** - History/ Photo 2/ T&T	**Block C** - Geo/ICT	Maths **Block D** - Art/ Sport/ Spanish	English Science

KS5 (Year 12)

1 hour of independent study in English and/or Maths will be set daily, to complete during study periods or at home. PEQ and Employability may set additional study tasks to be completed either at home or in study periods at school.

Types of Homework and AI Guidance

Homework assignments may include specially prepared extension tasks, learning/revision tasks, research assignments, practical exercises, or background reading.

AI & Written Work Guidance: Homework assignments should generally not be long-form written tasks to avoid reliance on AI tools and ensure work represents the student's own effort. Homework should instead act as preparation for doing written work in class. Teachers will explicitly advise on where AI can and cannot be used.

Structured Paper Tasks: Short physical paper tasks (e.g., short-answer questions, planning maps, revision outlines) are permitted to balance digital learning. Longer paper tasks are not used, as many students use Chromebooks for exams as their normal way of working.

Assessment Revision Window: During the 3 weeks prior to major assessments (Years 9–11), homework must consist exclusively of revision tasks directly linked to the upcoming assessment.

Staff must avoid setting homework that:

- Involves a financial cost.
- Is irrelevant to the program of study.
- Takes significantly more time than allocated.

Time Allocations & Task Lengths

- Year 9 (Term 1): 30 minutes to per core task.
- Year 9 (Terms 2 & 3): Maximum of 30 minutes per subject task.
- Year 10: 30 to 45 minutes per subject task.
- Year 11: 30 minutes per subject task (English and Maths may set one 1-hour task if preferred).
- Sixth Form: 1 hour per day of independent study completed during school study periods or at home.

Time Limits & Support: Students in year 9-11 who do not complete a homework can be given a

chance to have the homework done by the next lesson. If this does not happen, teachers can request for that student to attend the next homework clinic at lunchtime. Year 9 students may spend up to the allocated time limit, rule off, and have a parent/guardian write a note confirming the time spent. If this procedure is followed, staff will not place any student in a subject clinic for incomplete homework.

Voluntary Life Skills Initiative

A voluntary Life Skills Grid is available termly to all students. Students who complete real-world life skill tasks at home can earn House Points upon parental confirmation.

Staff Operational Guidelines - Things to note:

- **Platform Logging:** All homework must be logged on Satchel One and/or Google Classroom with clear instructions, exact resource links, due dates, and estimated completion times.
- **Setting Homework:** Teachers must give students time during lessons to write down homework and understand expectations. Avoid setting next-day deadlines.
- **Non-Completion Procedure:**
    - Staff should not spend hours chasing missing work.
    - For Years 10–11, if work is not submitted after a reminder, students attend the next lunchtime Homework Clinic to catch up.
    - Staff must check EHCP provisions with the SENCO for any caveats or specific arrangements before assigning students to a homework lunch clinic.
    - For persistent non-completion, supportive sessions should be arranged with the student (this is not a detention). Escalate continuing concerns to the Head of Subject, Head of KS and parents.

2026 to 2027 Homework Schedule