



Year 8 Assessment & Homework Overview

This booklet sets out the assessment and homework schedule for each of the subjects taught in Year 8. It gives an overview of each half-term and the type of assessment and homework that could be set. The schedule is regularly reviewed and subject to change. In each subject area students are formally assessed a minimum of three times over the school year after which they will undertake a formal review and feedback process in each subject area. As well as the formal assessments students will be provided with regular feedback in lessons, known as live marking, as well as undertaking peer and self-assessment tasks.

In Year 8 students have one lesson of Art per week. Students are set one piece of homework each half term at least; students may receive a second piece, depending on teacher and project progress. This either requires them to learn some Art spellings, complete a practical task or research some information about the current artist or movement they are studying.

Year 8 students have one lesson of Dance per week and are provided a knowledge organiser each half term and will complete a quiz in the final week of the term.

Year 8 students have three lessons of Design Technology per fortnight, split between Graphics, Resistant Materials and Textiles with two homework's being set each half-term.

In Year 8 students have one lesson of Drama per week. Students are set two pieces of homework each half term. This either requires them to learn some Drama spellings, or learn some information about the current area they are studying from a knowledge organiser. They are tested on the spellings or complete a quiz on the context they were asked to learn in one of their lessons.

In Year 8 students have three lessons of English per week. They will have one literacy-based homework per fortnight and one reading organiser-based homework. The knowledge organiser homework is based on students learning the key words, facts information assigned by their teacher. They will have a quiz to assess their progress. The literacy will be self-assessed.

In Year 8 students will undertake Food Studies for the entire academic year. They will have **one** food lesson a fortnight. These lessons will alternate throughout the year, one being a theory lesson and one being a practical cooking lesson. Learners will be given a homework task each lesson. On the days that students have theory lessons, their homework will be a task to prepare them for the practical lesson. Students will be expected to watch the demonstration video so that they will have a clear understanding of the practical task. Some videos will also link to a quick quiz to check their understanding. They will also be expected to bring in a container and ingredients for their practical lesson. On the days that students have practical lessons, their homework will be to complete an evaluation of the food product that they prepared that day. We strongly recommend that the students get feedback from other people about their product as well. Students will also be expected to complete a very short research task in order to aid their learning within the next theory lesson.

In Year 8 students have two lessons of Geography per week, they supplement their learning through independent research at home, online Google assessments, essay writing and revision. Homework should be set approximately every 4-6 lessons, depending on the complexity of the topic being studied.

In Year 8 students have two lessons of History a week. Year 8 are set homework every half term. This homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions at the start of every lesson. This will be peer assessed. Students will also supplement their learning through independent research at home, online Google assessments, essay writing and revision.

In Year 8 students have two lessons of ICT over a two-week timetable. They are set homework twice every half term. Students complete a knowledge organiser of the key facts, terminology to be able to complete an end of topic assessment or project assessment at the end of every topic. Topics last one-half term (6-7 weeks). The assessments are marked by the classroom teacher.

In Year 8 students have three lessons on Maths per week. Homework is set through Sparx, this links to our scheme of work and sets differentiated homework to each student once a week for between 30 minutes and one hour. The homework consists of 60% of the work students are currently completing and 40% on work students have completed previously that year/during their course. This is based on their previous homework's and topics they may have struggled on. Each week following completion of the homework staff use up to five insights provided by Sparx to feedback on homework and support with topics the class struggled with.

In MFL (French and Spanish) students are taught one lesson per week in each language. They are set one 30-minute homework per week. This may be made up of more than one task, from a range of activities such as reading exercise, vocabulary learning, watching a short video, research.

In Year 8 students have one lesson of Music per week. No homework is set for KS3 Music.

In Year 8 students have two lessons of Philosophy, Religion and Ethics (PRE) a fortnight. They are set homework every lesson. This homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions at the start of every lesson. This is peer assessed every lesson.

In Year 8 students have six lessons of science per fortnight, split between two teachers. Homework will be set for three times per topic by each of their teachers. This equates to averaging one piece of homework for science per week. For two of the three homeworks per topic, students will be set knowledge retrieval homeworks, accompanied by a low stakes test in lesson. They will be required to learn key terms and definitions that are given to them on a knowledge organiser and recall them in lessons. This will be peer and self-assessed at the start of a lesson. The last homework per topic will be students revising for their end of topic assessment.

Autumn Half-Term 1

Subject	Assessment	Homework
Art	Baseline unguided tonal self-portrait.	Research Food sculpture artist (Klaus Oldenburg, Wayne Thiebaud or Peter Anton)
Dance	Assessment 1 Year 8 Baseline	Knowledge organiser
Design Technology	<p>Graphics: Use of CAD/CAM and understanding of the advantages and disadvantages.</p> <p>Resistant Materials: Contextual challenge - task analysis</p>	<p>Graphics: 1. Writing board game instructions 2. Board game pieces design.</p> <p>Resistant Materials: Final design drawings and Planning for manufacture information.</p>
Drama	Soap Operas Practical Assessment	1. Knowledge organiser quiz 2. Spelling test
English	Reading and Spelling Ages	One literacy-based homework and one reading organiser-based homework per fortnight
Food Studies	Baseline Assessment	On the days that students have theory lessons, their homework will be a task to prepare them for the practical lesson. On the days that students have practical lessons, their homework will be to complete an evaluation of the food product that they prepared that day.
Geography	Baseline assessment	Google quiz: Synoptic code
History	Baseline assessment on the Indian Mutiny.	Homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions. Students will also supplement their learning through independent research at home, online Google assessments, essay writing and revision.
IT	Baseline assessment to be completed by 23 rd September	They are set homework twice every half term. Students complete a knowledge organiser of the key facts, terminology to be able to complete an end of topic assessment or project assessment at the end of every topic.
Maths		Homework is set through Sparx, this links to our scheme of work and sets differentiated homework to each student once a week for between 30 minutes and 1 hour.
MFL (French)	Town and region	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.

MFL (Spanish)	Places in town	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
Music		
Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Year 8 Christianity Baseline assessment to be completed by 16 th September	They are set homework every lesson. This homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions at the start of every lesson.
Science		Organisms Matter

Autumn Half-Term2

Subject	Assessment	Homework
Art	Outcome of Food Project (3D Sculpture)	Creation of the how to clay guide book
Dance		Knowledge organiser and quiz
Design Technology		
Drama	Pantomime Written Assessment	1. Knowledge organiser quiz 2. Spelling test
English	Year 8 Gothic and Descriptive Writing assessment w/c 7 th November	One literacy-based homework and one reading organiser-based homework per fortnight
Food Studies	Practical Assessment	On the days that students have theory lessons, their homework will be a task to prepare them for the practical lesson. On the days that students have practical lessons, their homework will be to complete an evaluation of the food product that they prepared that day.
Geography	Weather end of topic assessment	USA Superpower research Google quiz
History		Homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions. Students will also supplement their learning through independent research at home, online Google assessments, essay writing and revision.
IT		They are set homework twice every half term. Students complete a knowledge organiser of the key facts, terminology to be able to complete an end of topic assessment or project assessment at the end of every topic.
Maths	EoT1 Assessment wc 05/12/2022	Homework is set through Sparx, this links to our scheme of work and sets differentiated homework to each student once a week for between 30 minutes and 1 hour.

MFL (French)	Town and region	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
MFL (Spanish)	My home	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
Music	Blues Composition Assessment	
Philosophy, Religion & Ethics		They are set homework every lesson. This homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions at the start of every lesson.
Science	Cumulative Assessment 1	Energy Electromagnets

Spring Half-Term 1

Subject	Assessment	Homework
Art	Artist analysis for Andy Warhol or Roy Lichtenstein	Research Pop Art Movement and Artist Andy Warhol or Roy Lichtenstein
Dance	Assessment 2 Year 8 mid- year	Knowledge organiser
Design Technology		
Drama	<i>Macbeth</i> Practical Assessment	1. Knowledge organiser quiz 2. Spelling test
English		One literacy-based homework and one reading organiser-based homework per fortnight
Food Studies		On the days that students have theory lessons, their homework will be a task to prepare them for the practical lesson. On the days that students have practical lessons, their homework will be to complete an evaluation of the food product that they prepared that day.
Geography	Prisoners of Geography essay	Google quiz
History	How useful are the sources to the understanding of the causes of Cholera.	Homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions. Students will also supplement their learning through independent research at home, online Google assessments, essay writing and revision.
IT	Year 8 end of topic assessment – Networks	They are set homework twice every half term. Students complete a knowledge organiser of the key facts, terminology to be able to complete an end of topic assessment or project assessment at the end of every topic.
Maths		Homework is set through Sparx, this links to our scheme of work and sets differentiated homework to each student once a week for between 30 minutes and 1 hour.
MFL (French)	Where I live	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
MFL (Spanish)	My school	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
Music		

Philosophy, Religion & Ethics	Year 8 end of topic assessment – Religion, Peace and Conflict	They are set homework every lesson. This homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions at the start of every lesson.
Science		Genes Reactions

Spring Half-Term2

Subject	Assessment	Homework
Art	Outcome for Pop Art Comic book (Printing)	1 hour contribution toward dry media section of outcome.
Dance		Knowledge organiser and quiz
Design Technology		
Drama	Crime & Punishment Written Assessment	1. Knowledge organiser quiz 2. Spelling test
English	Year 8 MOV and Poetry assessment	One literacy-based homework and one reading organiser-based homework per fortnight
Food Studies	Year 8 Commodities writing assessment	On the days that students have theory lessons, their homework will be a task to prepare them for the practical lesson. On the days that students have practical lessons, their homework will be to complete an evaluation of the food product that they prepared that day.
Geography	Tectonics: Cumulative assessment	Google quiz
History		Homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions. Students will also supplement their learning through independent research at home, online Google assessments, essay writing and revision.
IT		They are set homework twice every half term. Students complete a knowledge organiser of the key facts, terminology to be able to complete an end of topic assessment or project assessment at the end of every topic.
Maths	EoT2 Assessment w/c 24/04/2023	Homework is set through Sparx, this links to our scheme of work and sets differentiated homework to each student once a week for between 30 minutes and one hour.
MFL (French)	Where I live	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
MFL (Spanish)	Subjects I study	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
Music	World Music Assessment	
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics		They are set homework every lesson. This homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions at the start of every lesson.

Science	Cumulative Assessment 2	Waves Earth
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Summer Half-Term 1

Subject	Assessment	Homework
Art	Analysis of Artist work	Researching symbolism within Art specifically Freda Kahlo
Dance		Knowledge organiser
Design Technology		
Drama	<i>Blood Brothers'</i> Practical Assessment	1. Knowledge organiser quiz 2. Spelling test
English		One literacy-based homework and one reading organiser-based homework per fortnight
Food Studies		On the days that students have theory lessons, their homework will be a task to prepare them for the practical lesson. On the days that students have practical lessons, their homework will be to complete an evaluation of the food product that they prepared that day.
Geography	Changing populations	Google quiz
History		Homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions. Students will also supplement their learning through independent research at home, online Google assessments, essay writing and revision.
IT		They are set homework twice every half term. Students complete a knowledge organiser of the key facts, terminology to be able to complete an end of topic assessment or project assessment at the end of every topic.
Maths		Homework is set through Sparx, this links to our scheme of work and sets differentiated homework to each student once a week for between 30 minutes and 1 hour.
MFL (French)	Family and pets	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
MFL (Spanish)	Special occasions	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
Music		
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics	Year 8 end of topic assessment- Religion and Science	They are set homework every lesson. This homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions at the start of every lesson.
Science		Ecosystems Forces

Summer Half-Term 2

Subject	Assessment	Homework
Art	Progress made between unguided portrait and completed outcome	Spellings
Dance	Assessment 3 Year 8 Final	Knowledge organiser and quiz
Design Technology		
Drama	Social Media Written Assessment	1. Knowledge organiser quiz 2. Spelling test
English	Year 8 <i>Of Mice & Men</i> and 19 th Century Assessment	One literacy-based homework and one reading organiser-based homework per fortnight
Food Studies	End of Year Assessment	On the days that students have theory lessons, their homework will be a task to prepare them for the practical lesson. On the days that students have practical lessons, their homework will be to complete an evaluation of the food product that they prepared that day.
Geography	Rivers fieldwork write-up	Google quiz
History	Source questions and how far do you agree...based on the Russian Revolution.	Homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions. Students will also supplement their learning through independent research at home, online Google assessments, essay writing and revision.
IT	Year 8 end of topic assessment	They are set homework twice every half term. Students complete a knowledge organiser of the key facts, terminology to be able to complete an end of topic assessment or project assessment at the end of every topic.
Maths	EoT3 Assessment w/c 03/07/2023	Homework is set through Sparx, this links to our scheme of work and sets differentiated homework to each student once a week for between 30 minutes and 1 hour.
MFL (French)	Family relationships	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
MFL (Spanish)	Going out	Pronunciation practice, vocabulary learning, reading task, translation, watch video clip, reference page, puzzle.
Music	Musicianship Assessment	

Philosophy, Religion and Ethics		They are set homework every lesson. This homework is based upon using a knowledge organiser to learn key facts, to be able to answer a set of quiz questions at the start of every lesson.
Science	End of Year Assessments	Research Tasks