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The purpose of homework:

We believe that homework plays an important role in education and the benefit of doing homework must be instilled at an early age so that independent study can be achieved.

We are also aware that pupils have opportunities and experiences outside of school that are equally important in developing and enriching their lives. We will give careful consideration to ensuring homework is well-balanced across the school.

Homework refers to tasks given to pupils by their teachers to be completed outside of usual lessons.

Our homework expectations:

- The school follows a homework timetable (see below).
  This allows pupils to balance their homework around their hobbies and interests outside of school.
- All pupils in **KS3 (Y7-Y9)** will be expected to complete 300 **Sparx Reader** Points (SRP) from Monday to Sunday. Sparx Reader is an online reading platform that enables pupils to practise reading regularly, to set them up for success at secondary school and in life beyond. This will be monitored by the English team. Here is a link to find out more: https://sparxreader.com/parents/
- Pupils in **KS4 (Y10-Y11)** also have access to Sparx Reader where they can access some of their core GCSE texts (e.g. Macbeth and A Christmas Carol) which we recommend reading as part of pupils' revision at home.
- In addition, pupils in **KS3 and KS4** will be set **Tassomai** homework. Again, the Tassomai week will run from a Monday to a Sunday. In **Y7-10**, we expect pupils to complete 3 daily goals for English, Maths and Science over the week (this includes Geography and History in Y10 if studied at GCSE). In **Y11**, we expect pupils to complete 4 daily goals over the week for English, Maths, Science, History and Geography (if studied at GCSE).
  Tassomai is another online learning program which uses the educational principles of spacing, interleaving and targeted repetition to help pupils improve their grades. It works by spreading their learning into bite-sized chunks over a long period of time. As pupils answer questions, the site begins to learn where their strengths and weaknesses are, allowing the site to target specific gaps in their knowledge - but also making it easier for our teachers to see where your child might need some extra help.
  Pupils can use Tassomai on any internet enabled device and there's a mobile app which is completely free to download. A desktop app is also available via Tassomai's website.
  As both Sparx Reader and Tassomai are set weekly, there will not be homework reminders set for these homeworks on the Google Classroom. Pupils who do not complete their Daily Goals will be placed in a 'no notice Tassomai catch up session' for their year group at a lunchtime so that support can be provided.
  If we hold your email, as part of the school's subscription to Tassomai, you will receive a weekly email with a report of how your child is doing on the program once the system holds sufficient data (usually after a few weeks). You can use this report to identify the areas that your child is doing well in and where they might need some extra support. Here is a link to find out more: https://www.tassomai.com/school-parents

- Pupils have been advised about their homework expectations during tutor sessions and each classroom displays a homework timetable. In addition, teachers will give frequent reminders to support pupils with these deadlines.
- Additional homework will be set for **Humanities in KS3** and **Guided choices in KS4** – these will be added to the Google Classroom - and there will be **competition** opportunities for further engagement for creative subjects as well as IT each term.
- Parents/carers can sign up to **Google Guardians** to enable them to receive notifications about their child's additional homework.
- In **Key Stage 5 (Y12- Y13)**, students are expected to complete both pre-lesson and post-lesson independent study as part of our three-part lesson model to make best use of their time in school as well as develop the independence and resilience needed to be successful in sixth form and in the next stage of their learning journey.
- Teachers are expected to set homework with a reasonable deadline for completion.
- Pupils are expected to develop their organisational skills by planning the completion of their homework tasks to ensure that they meet the deadlines provided.

Further support:

- The library is available for pupils on a Tuesday and Wednesday before school from 8am. It is also available to pupils on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school until 4.15pm. Computers are available as well as support from staff.
- Pupils can exceed the set targets for Sparx Reader and Tassomai if they want to 'aim higher'.
- We provide a Champion's Hour for Y11 in the library, after GER (Getting Exam Ready) sessions, until 5pm Monday – Thursday.
- Pupils have access to revision resources and strategies on our school website.
- We also have reading lists which run alongside each subject's curriculum.
- If you have any subject specific queries, please contact your child's teacher directly via enquires@ccsamble.co.uk.

Homework timetable:

Note: Sparx Reader and Tassomai can be completed on any day from a Monday to a Sunday so long as the weekly targets are met. We have allocated suggested days to help pupils manage their time but these can be changed if they are not suitable.

KS3 Homework

Year 7 and Year 8

Tassomai: 3 daily goals in Maths, English, Science - Monday to Sunday

Catch up: Y7 – Friday, Y8 – Thursday

Sparx reader: 300 SRP – Monday to Sunday

Create and IT subjects to run a termly KS3 competition

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Sparx R Tassomai	Sparx R Humanities (French)	Sparx R Tassomai	Sparx R Humanities (History)	Sparx R Tassomai
Week 2	Sparx R Tassomai	Sparx R Humanities (RE)	Sparx R Tassomai	Sparx R Humanities (Geography)	Sparx R Tassomai

Year 9

Tassomai: 3 daily goals in Maths, English, Science - Monday to Sunday

Catch up: Y9 – Wednesday

Sparx reader: 300 SRP – Monday to Sunday

Create and IT subjects to run a termly KS3 competition

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Sparx R Tassomai Humanities (French)	Sparx R	Sparx R Tassomai	Sparx R Humanities (History)	Sparx R Tassomai
Week 2	Sparx R Tassomai Humanities (RE)	Sparx R	Sparx R Tassomai	Sparx R Humanities (Geography)	Sparx R Tassomai

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KS4 Homework

Year 10

Tassomai: 3 daily goals in Maths, English, Science, Geography, History - Monday to Sunday

Catch up: Y10 – Tuesday

Revision to be completed nightly – little and often is the key to success.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Tassomai	Guided choices: Photography Business Child development	Tassomai	Guided choices: Art iMedia PE Food	Tassomai
	Revision				
Week 2	Tassomai	Independent	Guided choices: DT IT Media Performing arts	Tassomai	Tassomai
	Revision				

Year 11

Tassomai: 4 daily goals in Maths, English, Science, Geography, History - Monday to Sunday

Catch up: Y11 – Monday

Revision to be completed nightly – little and often is the key to success.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Tassomai	Tassomai Guided choices: Photography IT French Construction	Tassomai	Guided choices: DT Business Health and social care Performing arts	Tassomai
	Revision				
Week 2	Guided choices: iMedia Art Food Hair and beauty	Tassomai	Tassomai	Tassomai	Tassomai
	Revision				