

Homework for Years 7 and 8 At Mill Road Campus

We fully recognise the importance of integrating purposeful and relevant home learning tasks into our students' progress journey and ongoing education. Homework can help to reinforce and further develop the skills, knowledge and understanding that the students acquire within the classroom. The completion of homework encourages the students to organise and develop themselves as independent and responsible learners, recognising how their own personal contributions can benefit their progress and attainment.

What will students and parents/carers expect to see?

The homework will be set when it is appropriate to the topics and learning, with tasks equally being suited to this. Students will be set regular homework tasks by their English, Maths, Science, Modern Foreign Languages and Humanities (History, RE and Geography) teachers. However, other subject areas will also set homework in accordance with the regularity by which they appear on your son's/daughter's timetable. At certain points of the academic year, students may be expected to spend a lengthier amount of time on their homework, and this can often be the case when students are preparing for exams or assessments. Homework set should be linked to the learning and subject content that are to be covered during the course.

How will I know if my child has homework?

The vast majority of homework for Mill Road Campus students will be set via our 'Show My Homework' platform. This will advise students and parents/carers on the tasks that are to be completed, the estimated length of time to be spent on each individual piece of homework, as well as the required submission date.

What if my child needs help or we need to seek further information with regards to the homework?

Homework should be explained with appropriate resources allocated, via the Show My Homework' platform and/or within the classroom by the individual member of staff. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for seeking help from the respective teacher should they require it, however, parents/carers may of course contact individual members of staff via email or telephone for further clarification as and when required. Each member of staff's email address is available on our website via the link https://61555871-7064-4596-84aa-36c019fe9196.filesusr.com/ugd/03a94d_a6963bcc5b4d838ccb51df82b5a498.pdf

What is my child finding it difficult to complete homework?

We always appreciate how much support our families give the students at home, but it is equally important for us to offer advice and strategies to the students on how to create a good 'balanced' approach to their homework. A good work life balance is addressed as part of our PD curriculum, but if at any point, students feel that they would benefit from some 1-1 support with regards to their particular concerns, they are encouraged to seek the help of the Pastoral Team. The Pastoral Team's contact details are found on our website via <https://www.plume.essex.sch.uk/pastoral-team> .

How will my child receive feedback?

Students should receive specific and timely feedback that is directly related to the individual homework task, and primarily be in the form of marked input from the respective member of staff.