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Dear Parent/Guardian

Homework procedures

We thought it would be useful to give you a reminder of our homework procedures. At Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, we set homework tasks for all students. We do this because we believe that homework supports students to **achieve their potential more fully** than if we relied solely on the learning that takes place during the timetabled curriculum.

At Foundation Stage (Years 7 & 8) students should expect homework in all subjects, please see table below for the approximate frequency. Each piece of homework should take approximately 30 minutes.

Subject	Frequency
Maths	2 pieces a week
English	1 piece every week + 1 reading
	homework
Science	1 piece every week
History	1 piece every 1-2 weeks
Geography	1 piece a week
French/Spanish	1 piece a week
Technology	1 piece every 1-2 weeks
Computing	2-3 pieces per 6 week unit
Art	1 piece every half term
Music	1 piece every half term
Drama	1 piece every half term
RE	1 piece a week

Students in Key Stage 4 (Years 9,10 & 11) should expect to receive approximately 40-60mins of homework per subject, per week. For the majority of subjects, this will be a single piece of homework each week, although some subjects may choose to set smaller tasks which total the 40-60mins. This is left to the discretion of each department and how best to utilise homework tasks.

All homework is recorded and outlined to students on ClassCharts. At the start of the academic year, all students and parents/guardians are given a unique set of login details to allow them to access ClassCharts either on the computer, or on a mobile device.

Classroom teachers will then upload information outlining the homework task, as well as a clear deadline. Parents/guardians will also be able to see the assigned tasks and deadlines and there is an expectation that parents/guardians are regularly keeping track of homework set and supporting their child at home in ensuring tasks are completed.

We know that you will want to support your child with their homework as an important part of securing their independent learning skills and building towards their examination success. Working together as a home/school partnership is the best way of ensuing this success.

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Further information about homework can also be found on our website and please see the Parent Pay Shop if you would like to purchase revision guides for those students facing GCSE examinations.

Yours sincerely

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