

9 September 2025

Dear Family,

Year 7, 8 and 9 Homework

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be required to complete a selection of homework tasks covering a variety of academic subjects, alongside regular homework tasks in mathematics and a theme reader linked to L4L.

Homework in mathematics will be set to consolidate, revise or extend the learning from the classroom. Mathematics homework will be communicated to parents via Arbor and students will complete this in the online platform [MathsWatch](#).

Theme Reader homework will be set within L4L. This is a digital reading task where students read out loud to a device, exploring the topic of their current theme and key words. These tasks are set through Microsoft Teams.

For the Key Stage 3 homework project students will be provided with a choice of tasks and must complete **at least one** for each subject, totalling 11 tasks in the Autumn term, 11 tasks in the Spring term and 5 tasks in the Summer term, plus an optional task over the summer holidays.

Students are expected to spend at least 45 minutes completing each task and are advised to try and complete one task per week.

The range of tasks will give students the opportunity to extend and supplement their academic experiences as well as further developing their independent learning and time management skills. It gives families the flexibility to arrange home learning around their own schedules. In addition, it will support students to develop their recap and revision skills in preparation for examinations.

Homework tasks will be marked by Session 1 teachers and feedback will be given to identify what students have done well, alongside suggested points for improvement.

Epraise points will be awarded to all students who complete the minimum expected tasks by the deadline, with additional prizes for students who complete more than the minimum number of tasks, achieve an 'Elite' grade and for 'Best in Year'.

Students who are absent on the deadline date will be required to hand in their homework tasks on return to the academy.

The prizes that will be awarded are listed below:

- Best in Year – £20 Amazon Voucher (£10 in Summer)
- Elite - £5 voucher and entry into a prize draw at the end of year
- Exemplary- 200 epraise Points
- Competent – 40 epraise Points
- Standard – 10 epraise Points

All tasks and resources will be introduced during Session 1 lessons and will be available on your child's Form Teams channel. Families who require paper resources, due to limited access to a suitable device, should make their child's Session 1 teacher aware and these will be provided as a hardcopy.

Exemplar tasks can be found on the Form Teams channel, sharing some of the excellent work our students have done previously.

We will be running a Homework Club for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students to provide additional support with the completion of their homework project. This will take place in the Lecture Theatre from 3.30pm until 4:30pm on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's where students will have access to devices.

Please see below for the timeline for these homework tasks this academic year:

- **Monday 20 October 2025:** minimum of 5 tasks to be completed from the Autumn term set of tasks
- **Monday 1 December 2025:** minimum of 11 tasks to be completed from the Autumn term set of tasks
- **Monday 9 February 2026:** minimum of 5 tasks to be completed from the Spring term set of tasks
- **Monday 9 March 2026:** minimum of 11 tasks to be completed from the Spring term set of tasks
- **Monday 11 May 2026:** minimum of 5 tasks to be completed from the Summer term set of tasks
- **Monday 26 October 2026:** Optional Summer project completed

Should you have any further queries please see below for the most appropriate person to contact:

- Homework project – Session 1 teacher
- Mathematics homework - Head of Mathematics, Mr Gibson, kgibson@tca.shirelandcat.net
- Theme reader homework - L4L teacher

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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