

September 2026

Dear Family

Key Stage 3 Homework

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be required to complete a variety of homework tasks covering a range of subjects alongside regular homework tasks in mathematics and a theme reader task linked to Literacy for Life (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 electronically using MathsWatch ([MathsWatch](#)) or will be given paper-based homework.

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. This homework is set through Microsoft TEAMS.

For Key Stage 3 homework, students will also be able to choose from a range of tasks across 11 additional subject areas. Students are required to complete a minimum of 11 tasks in both the Autumn and Spring terms, with at least one task completed from each subject. In the Summer term, students will be expected to complete five tasks, with an additional optional task available to complete during 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, so they comfortably meet each term's deadline.

The range of tasks is designed to enrich and enhance students' learning beyond the classroom. It provides opportunities to broaden their academic experiences, develop greater independence, and strengthen important skills such as organisation, time management, and self-motivation. The flexible nature of the programme also allows families to fit home learning around their own commitments and schedules. In addition, the tasks will help students build effective revision and retrieval strategies, supporting long-term learning and preparation for future assessments and examinations.

Homework tasks will be marked by Session 1 teachers and feedback given to identify what students have done well, with suggested points for improvement. epraise points will be awarded to all students who complete the minimum expected tasks by the deadline set, with additional prizes for students who complete more than the minimum number of tasks, achieve an 'Elite' grade, or for 'Best in Year'.

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

The prizes that will be awarded are listed below:

- Best in Year – £20 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 no access to a suitable device, should make their child's Session 1 teacher aware and a paper copy will be provided. Exemplar tasks can be found on the Form TEAMS channel which illustrate some of the excellent work our students have done. Where exemplars not currently available for a particular task, these will be updated as projects are completed.

We will be running a Homework Club for all year 7, 8 and 9 students. This will take place in the Lecture Theatre from 3.30pm until 4:30pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's during which time students will have access to devices and additional support.

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

- **Monday 19 October 2026:** minimum of 5 tasks to be completed from the Autumn term set of tasks
- **Monday 30 November 2026:** minimum of 11 tasks to be completed from the Autumn term set of tasks
- **Monday 8 February 2027:** minimum of 5 tasks to be completed from the Spring term set of tasks
- **Monday 8 March 2027:** minimum of 11 tasks to be completed from the Spring term set of tasks
- **Monday 10 May 2027:** minimum of 5 tasks to be completed from the Summer term set of tasks

Should you have any further queries regarding your child's homework tasks please contact their Session 1 teacher who will be able to support you.

Should you have any further queries regarding mathematics homework please contact the Head of Mathematics, Mr Gibson, using the e-mail kgibson@tca.shirelandcat.net.

Should you have any further queries regarding Theme Reader homework please contact your child's L4L teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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