



Castle View Academy
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Revision (Homework) Policy

Responsibility: Mr David Spratt, Assistant Principal

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Introduction

‘Revision (Homework) is the key that unlocks the door to achievement.’

Revision (Homework) Expectations

At Castle View Academy we believe that regular, quality revision can help students achieve the best success in their GCSE examinations. We will guarantee that students will find revision relevant, challenging, and beneficial. All students are set revision and are expected to complete it. Revision is published on Arbor so that parents, carers and students can track what has been set.

Year 7 to 9

All revision will be published on Arbor and will be explained to the students in their first lessons of the week for each core subject. Students should spend roughly 30-45 minutes on each piece of revision. The revision will be set using specific electronic programmes. Students will be issued with Maths, English and Science revision on a Monday each week, to be completed by 8am the following Monday. Revision will be set on the following online platforms:

Sparx Maths - Maths
Sparx Reader - English
Sparx Science – Science

Year 10 and 11

All revision will be published on Arbor and will be explained to students in their first lessons of Week A. Students at Key Stage 4 are given one week to complete every piece of English, Maths and Science revision and two weeks for every piece of options subject revision. Core revision will be due in the first lesson of Week B and options subject revision will be due the first lesson of Week A. Students should spend roughly 45-60 minutes on each piece of revision. Revision at Key Stage 4 will be a mixture of GCSE revision material, GCSE specific questions, Sparx Maths, or Seneca.

Revision may be set on the following online platforms:

Sparx Maths
Seneca
Languagenut - Spanish

Online Homework Platforms

Sparx Maths

Each week in Sparx, students are set topics by their teacher. These will make up the majority of questions that your child sees. Sparx **personalises** each child’s revision, making sure it is appropriate for them to complete whilst stretching them! We appreciate that parents/carers will of course want to support their child with their revision, however, please understand that if you give your child the answers, there is a risk that the revision will get too hard for them. It is therefore important that your child completes their revision themselves and watches the support videos or reaches out to their teacher if they are stuck. Year 7 to 9 are expected to complete 100% of their revision. Sparx will let them know when they have achieved 100%. If your child forgets their login and password for Sparx, please ask them to see their Maths teacher.

Sparx Reader

Sparx reader is reading, comprehension and vocabulary programme that gets all young people reading regularly to help improve their Literacy. Year 7 to 9 students are set revision each week on Sparx Reader. Students are set the task of reading a book of their choice on the platform each week. Students need to collect 300 Sparx Reader Points per week to complete their revision. This equates

to around 30 minutes of slow, concise and accurate reading per week. SRP points, or Sparx Reader Points are awarded to students for completing their revision. This is how we track a student's progress and engagement. Once students have completed a placement test, in the 'library' on Sparx Reader, students can then select a book to read for revision. As students read, they will be asked some comprehension questions to check their understanding and to ensure they are completing their revision. Tasks are personalised based on each student's reading ability so that every student can be successful with their reading. The books that a student can choose from are carefully chosen so that the text is accessible, yet suitably challenging.

Sparx Science

Sparx Science provides a bank of over 7500 questions designed to test knowledge and promote scientific thinking across the secondary curriculum. It creates tailored practice revision for each student, driven by their scheme of work, with challenging yet achievable practice that addresses misconceptions and gaps in learning.

Seneca Learning

Seneca learning is an effective and engaging interactive platform and revision guide, that can be used for free, forever! Summaries, notes, videos and lots of different types of practice questions are all found on the Seneca platform. The system is also completely adaptive, so your child's learning experience will be tailored to suit their individual needs.