

 **Meden School**
Burns Lane
Warsop
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire
NG20 0QN

 +44 (0) 1623 843517
 www.medenschool.co.uk
 office@medenschool.co.uk
 @MedenSchool
 medenschool1

Head Teacher
Jim Smith *BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH*



18 September 2024

Re: Home Learning

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to a new academic year for your child. We're excited to begin the learning journey with your child whether they are new to the school and joining us in Year 7 or are returning to us in Years 8-13. This letter includes information about home learning you will find useful, including any changes we have made.

The Importance of Home Learning

Home learning has been proven to have a significant impact in raising student achievement. It remains an important part of the Meden experience for our students. It is vital that your child is given the opportunity to recall, retrieve and repeat the rich knowledge they are learning in lessons so that they can use this knowledge to make a difference in the world.

Home Learning at Meden

This year, we have launched our revision homework curriculum. This gives students the opportunity to practice how to revise. In each Key Stage, students will learn three revision strategies to help them know and remember more each year. The curriculum is accessible [here](#).

- Key Stage 3 Students (Y7,8,9) - Students do not need to access any digital platforms.
- Key Stage 4 (Y9,10) or Key Stage 5 (Y12, 13) - students will continue to access digital platforms to support their revision.

At Meden, parents can view their child's homework via the parent portal, MCAS (My Child at School). Amongst other features, you will be able to see when the homework was set, what the homework is, and when it is due. A helpful guide is attached [here](#) to show you how to view all home learning.

A parent guide to using My Child at School can be found [here](#).

Below you will find a Q and A style table that includes everything else you need to know about home learning at Meden.



Home Learning Q and A

<p>When is home learning be set?</p>	<p>According to the home learning timetable. A link to the timetable can be found here.</p> <p>Subjects not listed will offer opportunities throughout the year via our enrichment programme.</p>
<p>What should the home learning look like?</p>	<p>KS3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flashcards 2. Look, say, cover, write, check 3. Brain dump <p>KS4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flashcards 2. Quizzing/self-quizzing 3. Practice <p>KS5</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flashcards 2. Brain dump 3. Practice
<p>How long should my child spend on each home learning?</p>	<p>KS3 - No more than twenty minutes.</p> <p>KS4 – No more than thirty minutes.</p>
<p>At Key Stage 4, which digital platforms are used?</p>	<p>Digital platforms: GCSE Pod, Dr Frost, Seneca and Microsoft Forms</p>
<p>Does my child have to record their home learning?</p>	<p>Yes, they record it in their home learning planners on the day the home learning is timetabled to be set.</p>
<p>Is there a space for my child to complete home learning at school?</p>	<p>Yes, the library is open every morning from 8am and after school until 4pm for students to do their homework.</p>
<p>Can I get support if my child does not have access to IT at home?</p>	<p>Yes, please ask your child to let their tutor know. We have Chromebooks available for students who need access.</p>
<p>What happens if my child is having IT issues?</p>	<p>Ask your child to speak to their tutor who will fix this for them.</p> <p>If they have homework that is due, they should also speak to the teacher who set it.</p>
<p>What happens if my child does not complete their home learning?</p>	<p>KS3 and Year 10</p> <p>Students who miss two pieces of homework per half term will receive a phone call home informing parents of their non-completion.</p> <p>Year 11</p> <p>Student who miss two pieces of homework per subject per half term will be issued a 40-minute afterschool detention on a Friday.</p>

During the first weeks of school, your child will be shown how to access their set homework, how to access all platform logins (if they are in Key Stage 4 or 5) and how to familiarise themselves with the school's systems. All information about home learning can be found on a tab under the Parent Portal of the school's website [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding home learning, your first point of contact is your child's tutor. We look forward to working with parents this year to ensure your child's journey at Meden is enjoyable, purposeful, and rewarding.

Many thanks,



Abigail Mann - Deputy Headteacher