

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you of an important development at Broadlands Academy regarding the structure and management of homework for our students in Year 10 and Year 11.

To better support the demanding academic schedules of GCSE study and to help students develop essential time management skills, we have implemented a new, dedicated homework timetable for students in Year 10 and Year 11.

This new system is designed to:

- reduce overload by staggering deadlines across the week;
- promote effective habits through establishing a sustainable pace of independent study which is crucial for long-term retention and exam preparation;
- foster independence through a clear structure which empowers students to take ownership of their revision within and alongside their set homework.

Below are the new homework timetables for Y10 and Y11.

Y10					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CORE	English	Maths	Science		
OPTIONS	Option C: Business, Food Spanish Sport	Option A: History Geography Drama DT	Option D: Geography Food History Statistics Health and Social Care	Option B: Business Triple Science Textiles Art	
Y11					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
CORE	English	Maths	Science		
OPTIONS	Option B: Business Geography (LST)		Option A: Business Geography (PWH) Spanish (JES) Option D: Food Art Spanish	Option B: History (LCL + TCR)	Option C: Food Health and Social Care Statistics

We have done our best to stagger the subjects across the week. In the interests of uniformity and clarity, each homework assignment will have a one-week deadline - for example, English homework will be set every Monday and the deadline is each week Sunday night.

We ask that you review the timetable with your child over the weekend and help them establish a consistent weekly routine that incorporates their set homework.

All staff will set homework on Satchel 1 which is your child's online diary to all of their homework, you also have a log in for this. This may be just a link to another platform, but it will allow you to see the breadth of homework set across the week. We appreciate that there has been a movement towards platform based homeworks over recent years, but the responsive nature of AI means that children are able to get instant feedback in a way that they wouldn't with teacher marked homework.

Our key platforms are:

- Maths - Sparx maths
- Science - Sparx science
- English - Century Tech
- Spanish - Languagenut
- Other subjects do not have dedicated platforms and are more likely to use ones such as SENECA.

We believe this new, structured approach will be a significant benefit to our KS4 students as they progress towards their final GCSE examinations. Your support in encouraging your child to follow this timetable is greatly appreciated. If you have any initial questions regarding the implementation of the homework timetable, please do not hesitate to contact me at pdunn@liftbroadlands.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support in our endeavours to raise the academic bar at Broadlands.

Yours,

Pete Dunn