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Dear families

At Dixons Fazakerley Academy we value the importance of our students completing homework as research has shown it can add five months' of additional progress over five years of secondary school. We have high expectations of our students' work ethic and we have designed our homework system thoughtfully, setting up all our students to succeed. At Dixons Fazakerley Academy, from Year 7 onwards, homework comes in the form of revision and self-quizzing for all students across subjects. All homework set will never be new knowledge, it will consolidate the learning that has taken place in the lesson, so that every child can access and complete the work set.

How you can help support your child in completing their homework

- Check their planner for details regarding homework that has been set and when it is due in.
- Ensure a silent working environment free from distractions.
- Once your child has completed Look, Cover, Write, Check test them on what they have learned.
- Check your child is self-correcting their homework using their green pen.
- You can support your child to remember 50% more of what they have studied if you test them after they have revised it, this helps your child store the information in their long term memory.

The setting of homework will be introduced in phases for all years and a homework timetable has been set for each phase at Key Stage 3 and Years 10 and 11. The attached document outlines the homework timetable for Phase 1 and Phase 2. In addition to completing Look, Cover, Write, Check, students in Key Stage 3 will also have spellings and timestables to learn. We also expect all students to read at home and please support us with this. Students in Year 11, in addition to Look, Cover Write, Check will also have revision books for their option subjects. Students in Year 10 will also complete a lesson from the Oak Academy to support their Look, Cover, Write, Check.

Further guidance on how students complete Look, Cover, Write, Check is attached to this letter. Students will be issued with their homework daily in their Morning Meeting and will write the homework in their planner including when they must hand it back in. Students will have 48 hours to complete all homework. The homework for each week will also be on the academy website.

We hope that you support your child in ensuring that they complete all homework by the hand in day. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Issuing of homework at Key Stage 3 – Phase 1

- Homework will be set centrally by SLT / HOY in Morning Meeting
- Students are required to spend 30 minutes on homework
- Phase 1 homework will be issued in core subjects

Day Issued	Subject	Hand In	Duration
Monday	Mathematics Spellings	Wednesday	30 minutes per subject
Tuesday	English Times tables	Thursday	30 minutes per subject
Wednesday	Science Reading	Friday	30 minutes per subject
Thursday	Mathematics Spellings	Monday	30 minutes per subject
Friday	English Science Reading	Tuesday	30 minutes per subject

Homework timetable Key Stage 4 – Year 10 Phase 1

- Homework will be set centrally by SLT / HOY in Morning Meeting
- Students are required to spend 60 minutes per subject
- Phase 1, homework set in core using Look, Cover, Write, Check from Knowledge Navigators and lessons from Oak Academy

Day issued	Subject	Hand in	Duration
Monday	Mathematics English Language	Wednesday	60 minutes per subject
Tuesday	Science English Literature	Thursday	60 minutes per subject
Wednesday	Science Mathematics	Friday	60 minutes per subject
Thursday	Science English Language	Monday	60 minutes per subject
Friday	English Language English Literature Mathematics	Tuesday	60 minutes per subject



Homework timetable Key Stage 4 – Year 11 Phases 1 and 2

- Homework will be set centrally by SLT / HOY in Morning Meeting
- Students are required to spend 60 minutes per subject
- Phase 1, homework set in core using Look, Cover, Write, Check from Knowledge Navigators and revision booklets. Homework in option subjects will be revision booklets
- Phase 2, all homework set in core and option subjects using Look, Cover, Write, Check from Knowledge Navigators and a substantial piece of written work
- Homework on academy website

Day issued	Subject	Hand in	Duration
Monday	Mathematics English Language	Wednesday	60 minutes per subject
Tuesday	Science English Literature	Thursday	60 minutes per subject
Wednesday	Option B Science	Friday	60 minutes per subject
Thursday	Option C Science	Monday	60 minutes per subject
Friday	Option A English Language Mathematics	Tuesday	60 minutes per subject

How to complete your homework

Your homework timetable shows what homework you should be doing on each night. Two subjects will be identified each night and three on a Friday. You should spend 30 minutes on each subject at Key Stage 3 and 60 minutes per subject at Key Stage 4. Look, Cover, Write, Check will form an integral part of your homework using your Knowledge Navigators.

Knowledge Navigators

At Dixons Fazakerley Academy, we know that if you build really good revision strategies from the beginning of the school year, this will help you become a more effective student. This is based on evidence, so we know that if you do it well, it will work. This approach is vital in preparing you for your GCSE's.

In each of your Knowledge Navigators is all the key information you need for each subject to help you become an expert in each area. There are exact facts, dates, events, characters, concepts and pieces definitions that we need you to remember for each subjects. We know that doing a little often and on a regular basis will help you to commit this information to memory.

How to complete Look, Cover, Write, Check - the process

Step 1 - Identify the subject to be studied on your homework timetable.

Step 2 – Find the subject in your Knowledge Navigator and the relevant section set for your homework.

Step 3 – On your A4 paper in the top left hand corner write your name, the subject and your teacher's name using your black pen.

Step 4 – Look at the first bullet points or sentences and read through it three to five times.

Step 5 – Cover with your planner.

Step 6 – Write it out exactly as it was in your Knowledge Navigator.

Step 7 - Remove your planner and check what you wrote with your green pen and tick if correct.

Step 8 - Make corrections in green pen so it is exactly as in your Knowledge Navigator.

Repeat the process, folding over the previous section of writing until the whole side of A4 paper has been completed.

When you get it 100% correct move onto the next chunk of information.

Your writing should be of normal size and legible, with no large gaps between each section of Look, Cover, Write, Check.

