



CAMPSMOUNT

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Dear Parent,

Campsmount LEARN homework Information Guide

The importance of homework: supporting learning

The purpose of our homework strategy is to support students in forming good habits and being able to organise and prioritise their time at home - so they effectively manage and enhance their knowledge.

Research has shown that the setting of homework for secondary school students is a benefit to their learning, with those students who regularly complete homework making **5+ months more progress** in secondary education than students that don't.

At Campsmount Academy our Teaching and Learning strategies focus on developing secure knowledge that is embedded in our students' long-term memory. Teachers routinely use retrieval and practice to support this learning, so students develop more complex links in their knowledge base. Campsmount LEARN homework is designed to increase the time students engage with subject knowledge, so lesson time can focus on developing new knowledge and putting what students know into practice.

Campsmount LEARN tasks

Years 7-10

Students will need **two key books** to complete their Campsmount LEARN tasks:

1. An A4 '**Knowledge Organiser**' which contains key learning in all of your child's subjects. One will be issued each term.
2. A '**Planner**' in which LEARN homework tasks will be completed.

Students will carry both of these books with them at all times in their school bags. Knowledge Organisers will be used by teachers in lessons to support the development of key learning objectives.

Students have been provided with a Knowledge Organiser and a planner in their welcome back sessions last week. It is essential that students take pride in these books and look after them carefully. The academy can provide replacements at a cost:

Planner replacement £2.50

Knowledge Organisers £2.00

Year 11

Students have a bespoke planner that is designed to support students in practicing the application of knowledge. Their planners contain a subject page which contains practice questions for them to attempt. There are also QR codes that link to online content to support students with the questions provided. They complete the questions on the appropriate page in their planner.

Sparx

Our use of Sparx has expanded this year as it is an excellent platform for students to thoroughly embed knowledge and skills. Students should show their working out and Sparx codes in their planners on the relevant pages. The table below indicates which subjects they will be set Sparx tasks in.

Sparx Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
English	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Maths	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Science	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗

First check of Sparx Maths is on Friday 13th September.

First check of Sparx English is on Tuesday 17th September.

First check of Sparx Science is on Wednesday 18th September.

Week commencing 9th September English and Science tasks are to be completed using knowledge organisers, the first online Sparx will be set and checked the following week.

How often is Camsmount LEARN homework set and how will it be checked?

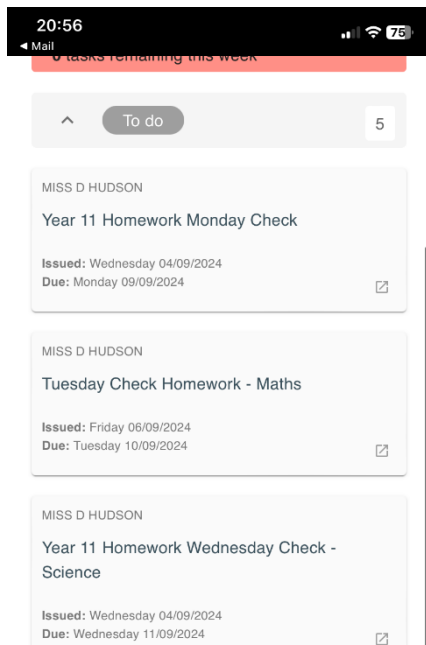
Students are expected to complete LEARN homework for five subjects each week. It is expected that students spend at least 20 minutes on each subject. Students' homework will be discussed each morning as part of our morning routines. This began today and the effort and quality of work was an excellent starting point for the year:

Subject	Morning Discussion
Open (IT/Business/Art/Technology/T&T/H&S/Performance)	Monday
English	Tuesday
Science	Wednesday
Humanities (History/Geography/French/EPS)	Thursday
Maths	Friday

For Open subjects and Humanities subjects students will be able to select one subject and should rotate between the subjects each week.


ClassCharts

All homework is scheduled through ClassCharts. You will be able to see the homework your child needs to hand in each day on the parent App.



Recognition of effort

Students will be **awarded 1 house point** for each homework check that is successfully completed. These reward points will contribute towards your child's house competition. If a student completes a

LEARNStreak  (5 pieces of homework completed on the correct day in a week) they will receive a bonus of 10 house points.

Progress Leader awards will be issued to students who complete 3 full weeks of homework in a half term and Headteacher awards for students who complete all homework in a half term. These awards will give house points and Class charts badges.

Supporting students with Campsmount LEARN homework

The Academy will facilitate LEARN homework by providing a staffed **homework club**. The club will be held in the Library and LRC area. This homework club will be available Monday to Thursday each week from 3.00-3.45pm.

What will happen if my child doesn't complete Campsmount LEARN homework?




It is expected that all students will be able to discuss their completed homework each morning in line with the schedule above. If a student misses 2 consecutive homeworks in a week, they will be issued with a 30 minute afterschool detention.

It is therefore important that students:

- Quickly establish good habits and routines.
- Ensure they have a school bag with their Planner and Knowledge Organiser in it.
- Make use of the afterschool homework club if they struggle with completing homework at home.

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How can parents and carers support their child with Campsmount LEARN Homework Tasks?

- Keep a designated LEARN area at home. Somewhere preferably where you have a flat surface, a computer or device for Sparx, and pens readily available. Make sure any distractions are avoided e.g. turn off the television.
- Help keep a routine for your child when it comes to LEARN tasks. You might find your child wants to complete their LEARN tasks as soon as they come home from school or they might want to relax and then start working later in the evening. Let your child decide when they want to do their LEARN tasks but try and keep a regular time.
- Praise and encourage your child to help boost their confidence. Try to pick up on how they have completed certain tasks for example, "I like the way you worked that out..." as opposed to "Well done".
- Ask your child to give you a bit of background on the LEARN tasks and why they have chosen to complete a particular task. This should open up discussion and help their enthusiasm.
- However tempting it may be, refrain from completing your child's LEARN tasks for them. LEARN tasks are designed to be developed to build your child's long-term memory and solidify their subject knowledge.
- Stay calm. It might become frustrating if you are trying to encourage and support your child when they are struggling to remain focused or learn a key fact but remember losing your patience will knock their self-esteem and could also prevent them coming to you for help in the future.
- Allow yourself enough time to help your child with their LEARN tasks. Constantly looking at the clock could discourage them and rushing to complete work against the clock will not result in your child's best piece of work.
- Use the library. Staff at your local library will be able to help your child find the info he/she needs and develop their research skills. Many libraries offer free internet access for independent work and can advise on links to useful websites.
- Encourage your child by offering a small reward of their choice if all their set LEARN tasks are complete over a period of time. Aim, if possible, for them to have at least one LEARN task-free day a week to keep school and social time in balance.
- Help your child adapt by supporting them planning their LEARN tasks for the first few weeks using their Campsmount planner.

We truly appreciate your continued support and involvement in your child's homework process. Your encouragement helps reinforce the learning that takes place in the classroom and fosters a positive attitude towards education. Together, we are creating a strong foundation for your child's future success.

Yours sincerely,



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