



## Queen Mary's Grammar School

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Dear parent/guardian

### Year 7 Homework

Dear parent,

We have been very pleased with the start to life at Queen Mary's that all of our new Year 7 students have made. Transition to secondary school is not without its challenges but we hope that students feel happy and confident in their new form groups and teaching classes, that they have started to make the most of the extra-curricular opportunities available to them and that they are making firm friendships with their peers.

On this positive note, as we near the end of September and in a change to our previously advertised approach, subject teachers will now start to set homework for their classes. This will be set using "Assignments" on MS Teams so that students can use that platform as a digital homework diary. Later this term, parents will also start to receive a weekly assignment digest that will show what has been set and if it has been completed. Not all homework will be set for completion on MS Teams. Students may be given a reading task, for example, or a piece of writing in exercise books, which is to be submitted in class.

The school does not have a fixed homework timetable for Year 7. Each subject should set a maximum of one hour per fortnight, with no less than two working days given to complete the work. Students will need to learn to manage their time so that they complete some homework each evening. This will mean, in practice, a student will receive one or two pieces per evening.

Subject teachers will continue to be mindful of helping students with their transition to secondary school. This is especially true in the setting of homework and monitoring where students may find things difficult. We recognise that this is an additional challenge for students but are confident that home and school can work together to support them to extend their learning through independent work at home. Please take time to talk with your child about what homework is being set, when it is due in, and what they might need to complete activities to the best of their abilities.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions or additional issues arise.

Yours sincerely,

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