



Oxted School

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HOMEWORK 2026-2027

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin another academic year, we are delighted to introduce our refreshed approach to homework at Oxted School. Homework is an integral

and purposeful part of the Oxted experience, designed to support learning beyond the classroom, build independence, and help every student achieve their potential. Drawing on feedback from students, parents and staff, we have developed a clear, structured homework programme that promotes consistency, organisation and success.

Why Homework Matters

Homework is more than simply completing tasks. It is designed to:

- Reinforce learning from lessons
- Develop independent study habits
- Strengthen memory through retrieval practice
- Build organisation and resilience
- Prepare students for assessments and examinations
- Encourage wider reading and curiosity

All homework follows our **4 Rs** Framework:

1. **Reinforce** - Practising and embedding learning from lessons
2. **Reading** - Building knowledge, vocabulary and confidence through regular reading
3. **Revision** - Reviewing previous learning to strengthen long-term memory
4. **Rewarding** - Engaging and meaningful activities that help students see the real-world value of their learning

These four elements ensure homework is purposeful, manageable and beneficial for every student.

A Structured and Predictable Approach

One of the strongest messages we received from students was the importance of homework being set consistently and clearly. As a result:

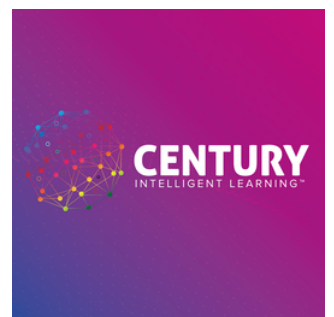
- Homework is set on a structured timetable
- Homework is recorded and submitted through Class Charts
- Clear instructions, deadlines and estimated completion times are provided
- No homework is set on Friday
- Reward points are awarded for excellent completion and effort
- Outstanding homework effort is recognised through termly rewards

Key Online Platforms

Students will regularly use:

- Sparx Maths
- Sparx Reader
- Educake
- Century (where appropriate)
- Oxted SharePoint and subject resources

These platforms provide immediate feedback and help students develop independent learning skills.





Homework Across the Year Groups

Year 7 and Year 8

The focus is on developing routines, retrieval skills and confidence.

- Weekly homework in core subjects
- Tasks typically take no longer than 20 minutes
- Introduction to online learning routines
- Regular use of Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader and Educake
- Fortnightly homework in a range of additional subjects during Year 8
- Development of organisation and independent study habits

Year 9

Year 9 provides an important bridge to GCSE study.

- Weekly homework in core and foundation subjects
- Increased focus on revision habits and retrieval practice
- Longer, more focused tasks
- Preparation for the transition to Key Stage 4 learning

Year 10 and Year 11

Homework becomes a crucial part of GCSE preparation.

- Weekly homework across all subjects
- A blend of online platforms, revision activities and subject-specific assignments
- Exam-practice tasks and revision activities
- Extended challenge through wider reading and independent study
- Strong focus on exam readiness and consolidating knowledge

Supporting Every Student

We want every student to succeed with homework. A wide range of support is available throughout the year:

- Homework Club
- Subject Support Clubs
- Tutor support
- Teacher guidance
- Library study spaces at lunch and after school
- Online help guides for Class Charts
- Revision resources and learning skills support

Where students face additional barriers to completion, appropriate support and adjustments are available to help them develop independence and confidence over time.

How Parents Can Help

Many homework tasks will be completed using online platforms such as Class Charts, Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader, Educake and Century. These platforms provide instant feedback, personalised practice and valuable opportunities for retrieval and revision.

You play a vital role in your child's success. We encourage parents to:

- Check Class Charts regularly
- Encourage the development of a consistent homework routine
- Celebrate effort as well as achievement
- Support reading at home

Encourage students to attend homework and support clubs when needed

Even a few minutes of encouragement and interest can make a significant difference.



Top Tips for Parents

✓ Check Class Charts Together

Class Charts acts as your child's homework diary and allows parents to view tasks, deadlines and completion information all in one place. Taking a few minutes each week to review upcoming homework can help students develop excellent organisational habits.

✓ Create a Regular Homework Routine

Encourage your child to complete homework at a similar time each day. Short, regular study sessions are often more effective than leaving several tasks until the last minute.

✓ Encourage Independence

If your child is stuck, encourage them to:

- Re-read the instructions carefully
- Check lesson notes or knowledge organisers
- Watch any guidance videos provided
- Ask their teacher or tutor for support

Developing resilience and problem-solving skills is an important part of the homework process.

✓ Celebrate Effort

Homework is not just about getting everything correct first time. Praise effort, persistence and improvement. Students who consistently engage with homework are building valuable habits for future success.

✓ Make Use of Instant Feedback

Platforms such as Sparx Maths, Sparx Reader and Educake provide feedback as students work. Encourage your child to learn from mistakes, retry questions and aim to improve their scores.

✓ Encourage Reading

Regular reading remains one of the most powerful ways to improve vocabulary, comprehension and academic confidence. Even 15-20 minutes of reading several times a week can make a significant difference.

✓ Use School Support

If your child is experiencing difficulties accessing homework or technology, please encourage them to attend Homework Club, visit the Library, speak to their tutor, or access one of our Subject Support Clubs. We are here to help every student succeed.

Parent Platform Checklist ✓

Once a week, ask your child:

- Have you checked Class Charts?
- Have all homework tasks been started?
- Do you know when each piece is due?
- Have you completed your Sparx or Educake tasks?
- Is there any homework support you need this week?

Just five minutes of conversation can make a huge difference to homework completion, confidence and achievement.

Working together, we can help every student build the independent learning habits that lead to long term success.

Looking Ahead

We are excited about the year ahead and the opportunities our homework programme will provide for students to grow in confidence, independence and achievement.

Together, through strong partnerships between school and home, we can help every student develop the habits and skills they need for success both now and in the future.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic year of learning, progress and achievement at Oxted School.

Ms G Griffin
Assistant Principal



Parent and Carer Reminders

There will be an early school finish at **1pm** on **Thursday 24 September 2026**.

Friday 25 September 2026 is a whole school Academic Review Day. **Students should not attend school on this day.** Students will be provided with booklets to work through from home. Parents should have booked appointments through SchoolCloud.



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Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 8 October 2026

6pm