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HOMework GUIDE

YEAR 7



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VISION

The Malling School is an IB (International Baccalaureate) World School, and our aim is to empower our students to develop the IB Learner Profile attributes throughout the curriculum and ensure that our students are well equipped for all the opportunities and challenges our rapidly changing world will provide. The Malling School believes that homework extends learning beyond the classroom and enhances the curriculum providing meaningful opportunities to contextualise big ideas, critically evaluate and seize opportunities for reflection that leads to the student's overall growth and development. We believe that homework supports the students in becoming self-regulated learners, developing independence, a strong work ethic and organisation.

THE MALLING SCHOOL BELIEVES THAT HOME LEARNING...

- ▶ Enables students to be knowledgeable and reflective through consolidating and reinforcing their skills and understanding.
- ▶ Encourages students to be enquirers, providing students with opportunities for pre-learning, pre-reading and research prior to experiencing topic content in the lesson with the teacher, nurturing student's curiosity and developing their skills for inquiry.
- ▶ Can become a part of the family routine: developing positive study skills and habits such as self-discipline and organisation which will serve students well in adult life.
- ▶ Builds a positive partnership between home and school and enables parents to be involved in their child's education. This encourages students to be balanced individuals recognising the importance of balancing different aspects of their lives and recognising our interdependence with the world in which we live in.
- ▶ Is most effective when it compliments and enhances the learning experienced in lessons and throughout the curriculum and therefore is strategically planned, issued and reviewed by teachers.



EXPECTATIONS

Classroom teachers are responsible for monitoring the completion of homework and set appropriate sanctions if it is not completed or not completed to an appropriate standard. Sanctions for the non-completion of homework are set by the classroom teacher and will involve a detention should homework not be completed on time.

SUPPORTING EXCELLENT HOMEWORK

SUBJECTS

Transitioning to year 7 and secondary school is a big event with lots of change in our young students' lives. There is so much to learn and get accustomed to. This is why year 7 in Term 1 will only be issued homework for the core subjects; English, Maths, and Science.

These subjects use different media to issue and complete their homework because those are the most effective strategies.

Term 1 will provide the students time to get used to these expectations and routines before introducing additional subjects.

In Term 2 we will add the EBacc subjects and in Term 3 they will have a full homework timetable.

Each term we will issue new guides to students and families.

TRAINING

Before any subject issues a single piece of homework for year 7 they will have training sessions within lesson time learning about the expectations and routines, how to be successful, and what to do if they need support.

SANCTIONS

Year 7 students will not receive detentions in Term 1 for incomplete assignments.

Our teachers will log these on our system and the data will be used promptly by subjects and pastoral staff to identify students that need more support with learning the homework expectations and getting into good routines.

SUPPORT

Our pastoral and academic teams will use the data when homework is missed to identify students who need additional support.

In many cases, the pastoral teams will contact home or arrange meetings in school to explore barriers to homework and agree on strategies for improvement.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Every day we host a homework club in our school library:

8:15 to 8:45 and after school from 3:20 to 4 o'clock.

The club is supervised by a highly experience member of staff who is available to support students with their homework routines and completion.

The library has its own dedicated supply of 30 new laptops specifically for use at homework club.

Students do not need to book before attending and can turn up any day that they need the provision.

Some students who are struggling with homework completion will be encouraged to commit to attending homework club.

COMMUNICATION

The SIMS app will notify parents when homework has been set and when it is due.

This will help parents support their children with being successful with their homework.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC HOMEWORK

► ENGLISH

Students will receive a homework booklet that will contain all of their English homework. Each week, students will complete two tasks. The first is a 'revise it' task. Students will be expected to learn or revise key elements of their knowledge organiser and will be tested in the lesson on their retention of this. They will also complete a 'do it' task which will enrich their learning, help them to embed key knowledge and practise important skills.



Scan the QR code to launch the **Year 7 – English Homework Guide**, narrated by our Director of English, Mrs Finaly.

► MATHS

Students will be set one Hegarty Sparx task a week which they are to complete in their homework books.

In addition to this, they will be given reflection questions to complete after every lesson. It will be expected that they bring their homework book to every lesson for the teacher to check for homework completion.



Scan the QR code to launch the **Year 7 – Maths Homework Guide**, narrated by our Director of Maths, Miss Thompson.

► SCIENCE

The purpose of the science homework set is to support students to develop their knowledge of science. From the start of the school year, each week students will be given a set of recall questions and answers of key knowledge to learn. Students will then complete an online Teams quiz to check how well they have learnt and understood these. Students will be able to re-do the quiz if they want to correct their answers. Students should spend no longer than 20 minutes on the Teams quiz. Teachers will also include these questions in class to strengthen student's retrieval of this key knowledge.

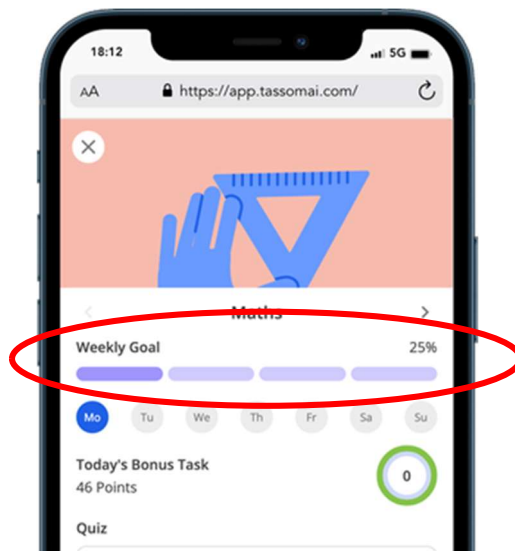
From the beginning of term 2, in addition to the questions and answers to learn each week, students will complete a weekly goal on Tassomai. Tassomai is an online learning platform that quizzes students and learns the individual student's strengths and areas for development. It will tailor the topics the students are quizzed on to improve their progress in science. In total, students should spend ~45 minutes on their science homework but spread across the whole week.

Science Homework Summary	
Term 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Set of recall questions and answers to learn.- Complete the weekly Teams quiz.
Term 2-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Set of recall questions and answers to learn.- Complete the weekly Teams quiz.- Complete the weekly goal on Tassomai.

To access Tassomai, students must:

1. From the website, <https://app.tassomai.com/login>
2. Enter your school email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, contact your class teacher to have it reset for you.
3. Once logged in, click on the “start” button and begin answering the questions until you complete a daily goal. You will have completed your Tassomai homework once you have completed the weekly goal. As shown in the image below.

For Tassomai to be most effective, we recommend splitting your weekly goal across at least 4 different days, but it can be completed on the same day. Students should aim for an accuracy of 60% or above.

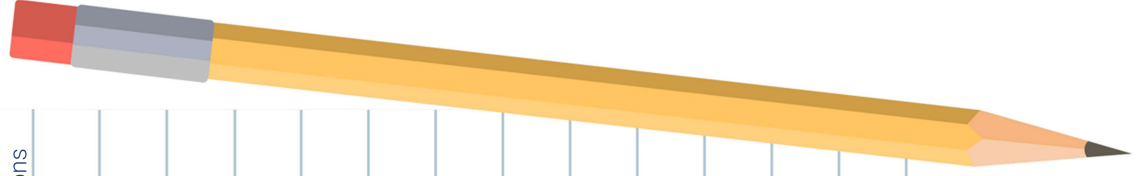


If you have any issues completing the homework, students should contact their class teacher.



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YEAR 7 HOMEWORK TIMETABLE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Maths Reflection Questions	Maths Reflection Questions	Maths Reflection Questions	Maths Reflection Questions	Maths Reflection Questions
2	Reading	English 'Revise It' Task	Science Recall Questions	English 'Do It' Task	Science Weekly Quiz
		Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
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The homework timetables are created to provide your child with a structure they may want to follow to organise their homework. This is only a recommendation, but this ensures that the homework is spaced across each week in manageable chunks. If your child is meeting the deadlines for their issued homework then they are meeting our homework expectations.

The homework club is open every day from 15:20 to 16:00 and is a great place to complete homework as it is supplied with books, laptops and always supervised by supportive staff.