



Dear Parent/Carer

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Ref: Independent Study

Stoke Damerel is committed to ensuring that every student is well prepared to take their exams at the end of Year 11. The changing nature of examinations means that we need to support our students to learn vast amounts of knowledge. This is the philosophy behind self-quizzing which forms the main part of a students homework, alongside our online learning platforms.

Self quizzing

Students learn the facts in the Knowledge Organiser for their end of cycle assessment by posing questions and testing themselves.

All students have a Knowledge Organiser and a homework book to do this in. The homework book contains the information on how to self-quiz. Instructions on how to self quiz can also be found on the school website. Students in year 7, 8, 9 and 11 also get one hour of independent study every fortnight in which they are taught to self-quiz.

Hegarty (Maths) – At least 2 tasks a week set by their maths teacher. These tasks have an accompanying video to help students to complete the task. Students make notes on this in the homework booklet

Tassomai (Science) – Students are expected to complete 100 questions as set by their Science teacher.

Bedrock (Vocabulary) – Students receive bespoke tasks based on their recent assessment. They do 2 x 20 minute sessions a week on vocabulary development.

Independent study is checked by your child's tutor every Monday. Students who fail to complete their homework will be expected to attend homework club. Students can also receive help with their homework at Homework Support Clubs, at the times and rooms below.

Year group	Location	Days	Time
7	Hs2	Monday-Thursday	3 - 4 pm
8	Eb10	Week A Wednesday, Thursday Week B Tuesday - Thursday	3 - 4 pm
9	Sc4	Week A Wednesday and Thursday Week B Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	3 - 4 pm
10	Common Room	Week A Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Week B Monday - Thursday	3 - 4 pm
11	Common Room	Friday	3 - 4 pm

Our tracking of your child's homework will also be shared with you on your child's termly report.

We are confident that we can rely on your support in encouraging your child to complete their homework tasks so that the strategy can have the maximum impact on their learning.

Yours faithfully

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A Frier
Principal