

RE: Study programme

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Dear Parents,

At Ark Kings Academy, our mission is for every student to make excellent progress, develop outstanding character and be successful in life, education and employment. It is for this reason that this year a new study programme has been launched which aims to consolidate and extend students' knowledge and understanding beyond the classroom, as well as supporting them in developing important habits for their future such as organisation, resilience and a growth mind-set.

What is study?

Every term, students will receive a study pack from each of their subjects which contains a mixture of information and activities which support them in mastering the knowledge they have learnt in class. These study packs differ from the traditional approach to homework in that students will rarely be expected to complete the study activities for a certain date (unless the teacher believes that a piece of study will support students in an upcoming lesson). With this being said, students are expected to dedicate a certain amount of time to study each evening and they will be provided with a suggested study timetable to support them with their organisation and time management.

How will teachers know when students are completing study?

In order to demonstrate what they have been studying, students are expected to complete **study reflections** each evening in their student planner which outline what subject they studied, what the focus of their study was and how successful they believe their study was. What's more, subject teachers will be testing how much students have learnt in their study through regularly **mastery quizzes** which will include questions based on knowledge learnt in the classroom and from the study packs.

What can I do as a parent to support my child with their study?

It is essential that parents and teachers work together to support students with their studies so that they make excellent progress.

- As a parent, each evening you can ask your child what subjects they are studying or you can look at the suggested study timetable overleaf so you can check your child's study reflections against these.
- You can also ensure that your child has a quiet, distraction-free space to study each evening so that they can get the most of the time they are dedicating to their work.
- It is important for students to have breaks in between their studies, so you can support your child by building in regular breaks into their study in order to prevent feelings of stress or anxiety.

Suggested study timetable:

Whilst students can make their own decisions about what to study, many have expressed a desire to have a more structured approach so below is a suggested study timetable to support students with their time management and organisation.

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	English Geography <i>Reading</i>	Maths Art/DT <i>Reading</i>	Science Music <i>Reading</i>	French/Spanish RE <i>Reading</i>	History Computing <i>Reading</i>
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10	English Biology RE <i>Reading</i>	Maths Option 1 French <i>Reading</i>	Chemistry Option 2 Option 1 <i>Reading</i>	English RE Physics <i>Reading</i>	Maths French Option 2 <i>Reading</i>
11	English Biology RE <i>Reading</i>	Maths Option 1 Option 2 <i>Reading</i>	Chemistry French Choice <i>Reading</i>	English RE Option 1 <i>Reading</i>	Maths Option 2 Physics <i>Reading</i>

Year	Expected nightly study:	Usually made up of:
7	1 hour 20 minutes	2 x 25 minutes + 1 x 30 minutes (Reading)
8	1 hour 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes + 1 x 30 minutes (Reading)
9	1 hour 30 minutes	2 x 30 minutes + 1 x 30 minutes (Reading)
10	2 hours	3 x 30 minutes + 1 x 30 minutes (Reading)
11	2 hours	3 x 30 minutes + 1 x 30 minutes (Reading)

If you have any further questions regarding the study programme, or would like some advice on how you can support your child with their studies, please contact your child's Form Tutor, Head of Year Learning or myself. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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