

HILLCREST SCHOOL

Helping Your Child Make Progress.



Success at school is based on the following:

- * Good attendance and punctuality.
- * Keeping 'Getting It Right' points by completing homework, bringing the correct books and equipment and engaging with the learning in every lesson, every day.
- * Joining in with activities in class, at lunchtime and after school.
- * Reviewing work at the end of each day in order to make sure it's fully understood.
- * Asking for help when work is not understood.

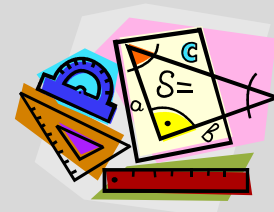
Students who do the above make good progress at school. The support of parents and carers in this success is essential, especially by helping with homework and revision. Research shows that students who reported spending **between 2 and 3 hours on homework on an average weeknight in Year 9 were almost 10 times more likely to achieve 5 or more good GCSE grades** than students who did not spend any time on homework.

Staff at Hillcrest are always happy to discuss your child's progress and suggest ways to help, please get in touch if you would like any help.

Helping with Homework

There are lots of ways that you can help your child with homework. Here are some ideas:

- ◇ Set a regular time every day for homework.
- ◇ Ask your child what homework they have each day.
- ◇ Make sure your child has paper, pens, pencils and other equipment to help her do her homework tasks.
- ◇ Make sure your child has a quiet place to do their homework.
- ◇ Check that homework is completed.
- ◇ Ask to see the notes your child makes when reviewing her learning.



ICT facilities are available at school for students to do homework at the following times:

- Before school in Room 32 from 8am.
- At break and lunchtime in the Open Learning Centre.
- After school in the Open Learning Centre until 4pm.



What happens if my child can't complete their homework?

This can happen for a number of reasons. If it is a one-off reason, for example the child is ill or there is a family emergency, please send your child with a note to the class teacher, or telephone the school to let us know. If they can't complete the homework because they don't understand it, your child needs to see the class teacher before it is due to be handed in, so that the teacher can help them with it or attend the before school session in room 32 where they can get help from a learning mentor.

If there are any issues with homework please phone the school and ask to speak to the College Leader.

Parks College (Year 7+8)

Ms A Adenike

Malala College (Year 9,10 and 11)

Miss S Perry

Nightingale College (Year 9,10 and 11)

Mr Perks

When does my child get homework?

Homework is set according to your child's homework timetable. All homework is set on **Show My Homework** which can be accessed from any computer or smart phone. If you or your child need a replacement password, please contact the school.



How does my child review her learning?

- By reading through the work done that day and making a note of anything that she needs to ask the teacher next lesson.
- By making revision notes, diagrams, flash cards or posters to help make learning stick.

How can I help my child make progress?

Read the comments that the teacher makes in her books and help her to make corrections to improve the work. It is also helpful to look at the school website 'Home Access Plus +' to see the range of online learning resources available to your child. These can also be accessed using the details at the bottom of

Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 Progress

Below is a table that shows the progress needed from each end of Key Stage 2 starting point. You might hear this called a progress 'flight path'.

For example; if a child achieves a Point Score of 26 in their Key Stage 2 Maths Test her target for Year 11 GCSE Maths would be at least a grade 6.

KS2 Point Score	KS2 level	End of Year 11 Target	New GCSE Grade	Old GCSE Grade
37	6c	84	8	A*
36		81	8	A*
35	5a	80	8	A*
34		79	7	A
33	5b	78	7	A
32		77	7	A
31	5c	71	7	A
30		70	7	A
29	4a	64	6	B
28		63	6	B
27	4b	62	6	B
26		61	6	B
25	4c	60	6	B
24		54	5	C
23	3a	53	5	C
22		47	4	D
21	3b	46	4	D
20		45	4	D
19	3c	44	4	D
18		38	3	E
17	2a	37	3	E

All students will make progress at slightly different rates, with some periods of rapid progress and some periods of slower progress where they find the work more of a challenge.

The 'flight path' for French is different to the one above as it is a new subject for most students in Yr 7.

Studying without reviewing is like running a bath without the plug in!

REVIEW what you learn in lessons EVERY DAY.

WEEK 1
MAKE
LEARNING
STICK

Every evening spend 20 minutes making Mind Maps or bullet points to review the main points of all your lessons. You can do this before you start your homework. If you haven't fully understood the work ask a student in your form to help you the next morning.

Practice makes Progress!

Home Access Plus+
Access your School from Home

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<https://www.doddlelearn.co.uk/>
<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/#>
<http://www.kerboodle.com/users/>

