



NORLINGTON SCHOOL FOR BOYS

A SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the schools continuing drive to ensure all students make outstanding progress in their learning the school is adopting several updated teaching and learning programmes. These include:

- 6 Week Curriculum Plan
- A new homework schedule
- A new Year 7 & 8 Literacy programme

6 Weekly Curriculum plan

Last year Norlington School adopted a 6 week cycle to support the tracking of student performance. To further support your son he will be provided with a curriculum plan for every subject he studies in the school at the start of every 6 weeks. This will be inserted in his book. The next cycle begins on Monday 12th December.

The Curriculum plan has been designed to support your son in managing their learning and to provide information for you. This will guide you on the topics he will be studying and help you help him with his work.

- Each subject sheet will include your sons' current NC level (based upon the last report) and their end of year target based upon prior achievement and ability. This will be added after the Christmas break.
- It will include details on the topics and skills to be covered.
- Your son will be asked to reflect on his learning both during and at the end of the 6 weeks using a 'What Went Well' and 'Even Better if' format.

The development of the Year 7, 8 & 9 curriculum will be an on-going activity for the next 18 months. Each 6 weeks an updated version of the curriculum plan will be inserted in your sons' books. This new version will not only contain the new topics or skills he will be developing but it will also be adapted to incorporate other aspects of learning including developing Literacy and Oracy skills.

For subjects such as P.E. which do not have books, your son will still have a version of the 6 week curriculum plan that you will be able to see at parents evenings.

All Year 7 to 9 six weekly curriculum plans will be available for review on the school website – follow the KS3 subject link on the home page.

New Homework Schedule

A new homework schedule has been attached to this letter. It details how much homework each student would be expected to receive every week. Your son should already be recording his homework in his diary. This is monitored on a weekly basis by his form tutor when the diary is signed.

The schedule is a guide. He may receive a little more or a little less based on the work he is doing in class that week.

All homework deadlines need to be met with students given homework at least 2 days before it is due to be handed in. This will allow him to clarify any aspects of the work he does not understand. All homework should be marked and returned to the student within a week.



If you have any concerns regarding the setting or marking of homework please contact the respective Head of Department via the school office. For your reference I have included the names of all Heads of Department at the end of this letter.

To support students in completing their Homework the school Learning Resource Centre, with access to computers, will be open every lunch time and after school. There will also be a homework club every Friday afternoon.

It should be noted that failure by any student to complete their homework will result in a suitable sanction which may include detentions after school.

Literacy

Year 7 and 8 students have been following a Literacy course since the start of the year. It has been designed to support them to develop higher literacy skills. Soon they will begin to use a programme called LEXIA. This is a literacy programme aimed at accelerating the learning of all students. The package is backed up by literacy lessons and a 1:1 support programme. Students who complete the programme will move on to a project based programme to develop their research skills.

As part of their weekly homework students will, from January, be expected to complete ½ hour of LEXIA homework a week. This is completed online. If a student does not have access to the internet at home they can access computers in the library at lunchtimes or after school.

Home/School communication

All communication should initially be directed through the school office. The school operates a 24 hour turnaround and it is expected that if a message is left you will receive return communication within 1 working day.

Department	Head of Department
English	Mrs L Boyce
Mathematics	Mrs J Phillips
Science	Mr Georgiades
Humanities (including History and Geography)	Mrs McDermott
Religious Studies and Citizenship	Mr Reading
French	Ms Labarbe
Arts Faculty (including Art, Drama and Music)	Mr Lealman Strut
Technology Faculty (including IT)	Mr Collins
Physical Education	Mr Hobbs

Norlington School is committed to constantly developing and improving the learning experiences of all its students. The best way to help your son is to:

- look at your sons books, check their work and discuss the progress they are making on a regular basis.
- help them organise themselves and provide guidance with their homework – do not do it for them!

On behalf of all the staff at Norlington School we would like to thank all parents and carers for their continuing support.

Yours Sincerely



Mr J Hernandez
Headteacher
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Norlington School – Minimum Homework Times for KS3 subject

Subject	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	30-45 minutes a week	30-45 minutes a week	1 hour a week
Maths	30-45 minutes a week	30-45 minutes a week	1 hour a week
Science	30-45 minutes a week	30-45 minutes a week	1 hour a week
Humanities	30 minutes a week	30 minutes a week	45 minutes a week
Literacy	30 minutes a week (online)	30 minutes a week (online)	-
French	15 - 30 minutes a week	30 minutes a week	30 minutes a week
CPR	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight
Art	30-minutes a fortnight	30minutes a fortnight	30minutes a fortnight
Drama	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight
Music	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight
Technology	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight
ICT	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight	30 minutes a fortnight